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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue as well as public service announcements.

WHNS also broadcasts news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
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Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Nutrition Education
Lead Poisoning Prevention
Texting & Driving
CPR, Asthma
Mental Health America of Greenville County
Autism, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

April 3, 2012

The Mayo Clinic announced the rate of skin cancer is on the rise, especially for those age 40 and younger. Dr. Jerry Brewer said that the rise is particularly dramatic for women in their 20s and 30s. Melanoma increased by eight times in women, and by four times in men. The data for the study comes from the Rochester Epidemiology Project; a database of patient care in Olmsted County, MN. Researchers examined first-time diagnoses of melanoma patients ages 18 to 39 from 1970 to 2009. Researchers are speculating that the increased use of tanning beds is the main factor in the increase of skin cancer in young women. Although there is no direct link to skin cancer rates and tanning beds, a recent study reported that those who frequently used tanning beds were 74 percent more likely to develop melanoma. More women use tanning beds than men. The Indoor Tanning Association said in a news release on its website it was "surprised" the Mayo Clinic made the link between tanning beds and increases in skin cancer rates because there have been no definitive studies proving such a link. The Mayo Clinic study also said that sunburns in childhood and ultraviolet exposure in adulthood could also be a factor in melanoma. Mayo dermatologist Dr. Kurtis Reed told Minnesota Public Radio the study's findings would only apply to a population similar to that in the study. Olmsted County is 85 percent white. However, over the years, researchers discovered mortality rates from skin cancer have improved, likely due to early detection. "People are now more aware of their skin and of the need to see a doctor when they see changes," Dr. Brewer said. "As a result, many cases may be caught before the cancer advances to a deep melanoma, which is harder to treat."

May 4, 2012

A New Jersey mom is popping up all over TV and the Internet. Everyone's talking about her deep tan and the child endangerment charges against her. She's accused of letting her 6-year-old visit a tanning bed. Thursday, the super tan mom's husband talked about the case. He insists his wife is a good mother who is being wrongly accused and is being unfairly judged. "She enjoys tanning and I just think that's a thing that she does," said her husband, Rich Krentcil. "But I agree this is being judged right away when the real truth will come out." The tanning salon where she goes every other day has kicked her out and told her not to come back. Her arrest has people talking about tanning and when it's too much or even dangerous. Dr. Justin Moll at Parkside Pediatrics in Greenville said it's the Ultraviolet B rays that are what most often cause skin cancer, but it's the UVA rays which help us tan. Moll said tanning salons sell their UVA ray beds, but Moll said UVA can also lead to long term damage. He said according to a new [study](#), people who use tanning beds ten times or more a year are 800 percent more likely to increase their risk for melanoma. Jamie Lane, who co-owns Golden Tan off Woodruff Road in Greenville, said it's all a matter of moderation. "If you do the research, it's not, 'If you tan in a tanning bed you're going to get cancer,'" said Lane. "Nobody can prove it's any worse or any better than the sun. It's UVA; it's UVB; it's the same. It's just, 'How long are you doing it?' Have you been doing it for 20 years? Do you do it everyday?" Both Moll and Lane agree that a safer option for tanning is by spray. Lane said Golden Tan started offering spray tans for the last two months, and it's been hugely popular. Lane said there are five different colors people can mix and match so it looks natural, and it takes about 20 minutes.

May 10, 2012

A Cleveland couple was accused of child neglect Thursday after animal control officers took eight venomous snakes from their home last month. On April 26, deputies said they went to a home in Geer Highway after someone complained about venomous snakes being at the home. They said the snakes, including a cobra and pit vipers, were seized by animal control. Deputies said that after the reptiles were confiscated, the case was reviewed by animal control officers and a reptile expert. They said based on that review it was determined that the couple, identified as Charles and Rebecca Dutton, did not have a permit to possess such animals. Investigators said they also determined that the snakes were also not properly housed, placing the Duttons' two children, ages 2 months and 3 years, at an unreasonable risk of harm. Deputies said the couple was arrested Thursday and charged with unlawful neglect of a child. They were each released from jail on \$3,000 bond. They said the children are still in the custody of their parents.

May 18, 2012

There's new information about a University of West Georgia student fighting a flesh eating bacteria. Aimee Copeland, 24, contracted the bacteria in the Little Tallapoosa River on May 1 after falling from a zip-line and cutting her leg. On Sunday, her father, Andy Copeland, said Aimee was "doing great" and off a ventilator, in a [Facebook](#) post. Andy Copeland said, "Aimee is being Aimee. She's cracking jokes, speaking frankly, displaying her usual early morning grumpiness and she has been off of the ventilator for over 10 hours...she is breathing completely on her own! How cool is that?" Family announced Friday that Aimee had both her hands and her right foot amputated. Aimee, who is getting her Master's [degree in psychology](#), went to the emergency room at a Carrollton hospital after cutting her leg on a homemade zip line over the river. A week after her accident, after being diagnosed with necrotizing fasciitis, Aimee was flown to the JMS Burn Center in Augusta where doctors amputated her left leg. On Wednesday, doctors removed Aimee's breathing tube and completed a tracheotomy. Her family still must read her lips in order to communicate with her. She started hyperbaric treatments to help her regain more of the blood flow in her hands. Unfortunately, the treatments did not improve her condition and, because of the risk of infection spreading to her lungs, doctors made the recommendation to amputate her hands and foot. Andy Copeland said in a [Facebook](#) post that Aimee was told about the family's decision to follow the doctor's advice and was confused but ready to do what needed to be done. Andy Copeland wrote Friday: "She smiled and raised her hands up, carefully examining them. She then looked at us. We all understood her next three words. "'Let's do this.' "A tear rolled down my face as I walked out of her room. I wasn't crying because Aimee was going to lose her hands and foot, I was crying because, in all my 53 years of existence, I have never seen such a strong display of courage. Aimee shed no tears, she never batted an eyelash. I was crying

because I am a proud father of an incredibly courageous young lady." A fund has been set up at United Community [Bank](#) for Aimee Copeland, called "Aimee's Fund." To donate, send a check to United Bank, 119 Maple St., Carrollton, GA, 30117. The check must say "For Aimee's Fund."

May 24, 2012

Officials from Camden, NJ are looking to identify and speak to the parents who put their baby in a washing machine at a laundromat. The incident at the Federal Laundromat happened on May 11, and the *Camden Courier Post* reports that authorities want to make sure the child isn't hurt. They are not looking to press charges against the parents. "Right now we just want to make sure the child is OK," said Jason Laughlin, spokesman for the Prosecutor's Office. "We don't believe there was any criminal intent. It was more of an accident." The very disturbing surveillance video, which became a widely shared item on the internet, shows a father placing his baby into a front-loading washing machine, closing the door and turning it on - apparently in an a game of peek-a-boo. But then the couple panics as the machine fills with water and they cannot open the door to get to their child. The father runs to fetch the attendant, who works extremely quickly to disengage the machine so the parents can free the baby. "From speaking with the owners of the Laundromat they said the child's father came back and told them the child was fine and they took him to the hospital," Laughlin told *Courier Post*. "We just want to confirm that."

May 24, 2012

The father of a young Georgia woman battling a flesh-eating disease says his daughter summoned her strength and sat up in a chair for five hours, surprising nurses and loved ones. Andy Copeland wrote about Tuesday's development on his [Facebook page](#) Thursday. Aimee Copeland, 24, developed necrotizing fasciitis after cutting her leg in a May 1 fall from a homemade zip line over a west Georgia river. Her left leg, right foot and both hands have been amputated. Meanwhile, another blood drive in honor of Copeland got under way Thursday in Loganville at Grace Snell Middle School on Brushy Fork Road. "She's very special because she's helping to bring people out to donate blood," said Michael Becker of LifeSouth Community Blood Centers of Georgia, an organizer of the event. "Thirty seven percent of people in the country can donate blood. Only five percent do." Angie Tarantino was one of the first to donate blood at the Loganville drive. She once worked with Copeland's mother at Snellville Middle School. "When I found out about this right after it happened, I wanted to help as much as I could, and this is the one thing I knew I could do," said Tarentino. Several other fund raisers and blood drives have already been held in Copeland's honor. Her family has been amazed at the outpouring of support from people who've never even met their daughter. In an interview with The Associated Press this week, Andy Copeland said he spoke with Aimee after surgeons removed her hands and "she just shrugged her shoulders and said, 'It's OK,' and she smiled." If you're interested in coming to Thursday's blood drive, it will last until 4 p.m. Organizers ask that you eat a good meal beforehand, drink plenty of water and bring a photo ID.

May 29, 2012

Nearly two years ago, FOX Carolina's Greg Funderburg began a journey to lose weight with Coop's Health and Fitness. He's teaming back up with the gym to get us all ready to hit the beaches this summer. You may remember back in September 2010, Funderburg began his weight loss program. He started at 281 pounds and lost 71 pounds. He said it was quite an experience, but he slipped back into some of his old habits and gained 40 pounds. This is something so many of us can relate too. Last week, he started a mission to finish his goals this time with his Ultra Fit personal trainer, Brandon Daniels, at Coop's Health and Fitness. He said after gaining 40 pounds, his weight got back up to 250 pounds, but Monday he weighed in at 237 pounds. He said his trainer will be closely watching his food intake over the next five weeks and his weight should be down even more next Monday. He hopes you will come along on this journey for the next five weeks and begin your own journey to get ready for the summer. His workouts will consist of weight training and no cardio. This time around, he plans to focus on eating the right foods because he feels it's a huge part in weight loss. He can assure you he won't reach his goal weight of 185 pounds by the end of June, but he will get closer to it.

May 31, 2012

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is proposing a ban on the sale of large sodas and other sugary drinks in the city's restaurants, delis and movie theaters in the hopes of combating obesity - an expansion of his administration's efforts to encourage healthy behavior by limiting residents' choices. The proposal - expected to be announced formally on Thursday in a City Hall briefing - would take 20-ounce soda bottles off the shelves of the city's delis and eliminate super-sized sugary soft drinks from fast-food menus. It is the latest health effort by the administration to spark accusations that the city's officials are overstepping into matters that should be left in the hands of individual consumers. "There they go again," said Stefan Friedman, spokesman for the New York City Beverage Association, who called the proposal "zealous" in a statement. "The New York City Health Department's unhealthy obsession with attacking soft drinks is again pushing them over the top. The city is not going to address the obesity issue by attacking soda because soda is not driving the obesity rates." But City Hall officials, citing a 2006 study, argue that sugary drinks are the largest driver of rising calorie consumption and obesity. They note that sweet drinks are linked to long-term weight gain and increased rates of diabetes and heart disease. The administration's proposal would impose a 16-ounce limit on the size of sugary drinks sold at food service establishments, including restaurants, movie theaters, sports venues and street carts. It would apply to bottled drinks as well as fountain sodas. The proposal drew strong reaction from the Coca-Cola Company. "The people of New York City are much smarter than the New York City Health Department believes," the company said in a statement. "We are transparent with our consumers. They can see exactly how many calories are in every beverage we serve." "New Yorkers expect and deserve better than this. They can make their own choices about the beverages they purchase. We hope New Yorkers loudly voice their disapproval about this arbitrary mandate." The ban would apply only to drinks that contain more than 25 calories per 8 ounces. It would not apply to diet soda or any other calorie-free drink. Any drink that is at least half milk or milk substitute would be exempted. The ban, which could take effect as soon as March, would not apply to drinks sold in grocery or convenience stores that don't serve prepared food. Establishments that don't downsize would face fines of \$200 after a three-month grace period. The proposal requires the approval of the city's Board of Health - considered likely because its members are all appointed by Bloomberg. Under the three-term mayor, the city has campaigned aggressively against obesity, outlawing trans-fats in restaurant food and forcing chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus. The mayor has also led efforts to ban smoking in the city's bars, restaurants, parks and beaches. Bloomberg often cites the city's rising life expectancy numbers as proof the approach is working, but his efforts have drawn criticism from others who accuse him of instituting a "nanny state." His administration has tried other ways to make soda consumption less appealing. The mayor supported a state tax on sodas, but the measure died in Albany, and he tried to restrict the use of food stamps to buy sodas, an idea federal regulators rejected. City Hall's latest proposal does not require approval beyond the Board of Health, although public hearings will be held.

June 5, 2012

A blood drive will be held for a Georgia woman who is battling necrotizing fasciitis. Aimee Copeland was infected with the flesh-eating bacteria after she fell from a homemade zip line May 1 and suffered a major cut to her leg. So far, she has lost her leg, a foot and both hands. Copeland's family members in the Upstate will hold a blood drive to help her battle the debilitating disease. The drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at USC Upstate. Organizers said every pint donated during the drive means a matching pint for Copeland, who is frequently undergoing surgeries. People who want to donate blood are asked to email scholcombe@mail.com.

June 14, 2012

It's said that people start to look like their pets after a while, but now a pet lovers website and smart phone [app](#) says what kind of dog you have may or may not attract the opposite sex. Kloooff.com surveyed 1,000 pet-lovers with its smart-phone app and found that many dog breed characteristics leave men and women with particular perceptions about its owner. The survey found that people really do have strong feelings about what kind of dog someone else has, because the dogs can tell a

lot about its owner. Klooff found that men are overwhelmingly more likely to see a woman with a Golden retriever as "girlfriend material." Others on the top five list for the most attractive dogs for a woman: Labrador retrievers, beagles, poodles and Chihuahuas. The survey said guys who own a Siberian husky are considered "manly," and a Golden or Labrador retriever implies its owner is, "a great dad." Both of those breeds made the top five list for men to attract women, along with French bulldogs and German Shepherds.

June 25, 2012

A video posted on YouTube is enough to give any homeowner a heart attack – a bear cub gets stuck in the garage door mechanism and its giant mom charges to the rescue in a big way. As the dumbstruck video shooter lets the iPhone roll, the adventurous little bear got tangled up in the mechanism and cried out in distress. Mother slammed open the door and held it over her head, all the while calling to her baby who inched his way to a nearby ladder and safety, while a dog barked furiously in the background. The description of the video, uploaded by "Ellimaeejmc," does not say where it was taken. Some commenter's charge that the video is faked or staged because of the shakiness of the video. Real or phony, it's worth checking out.

June 25, 2012

A 29-year-old Greenville man died while swimming near the shores of Lake Keowee on Saturday afternoon. According to Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis, Randy Osburn was with his fiancée and other friends in a rented pontoon when they anchored close to shore near the Harbor Oaks Subdivision near Seneca. Osburn and his fiancée were swimming when she said he suddenly disappeared beneath the water without warning or panic about 3:30 p.m., Addis said. Addis said Osburn was a reportedly good swimmer and in good health. He said he was found about 6 p.m. by the Oconee County Dive Team approximately 30 yards from shore in 12-foot-deep water. There were no injuries seen on the victim and no autopsy was ordered, but toxicology reports were sent to the State Law Enforcement Division in accordance with state law, Addis said. Addis said Osburn's death was an accidental drowning. This was the third recreational drowning in June in Oconee County. The dive team said they usually see three to 11 drownings a year.

June 26, 2012

Dole has recalled several of its bagged salad kits because of a possible health risk from Listeria. The company said no illnesses have been reported in association with the recall, but they were voluntarily recalling 1,077 cases after a sample in North Carolina tested positive for Listeria monocytogenes. The recalled bags were sold at Krogers and Walmarts in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Customers are encouraged to check the product code and use-by date in the upper right-hand corner to determine if they should throw away a recalled bag. The codes recalled are: Kroger Fresh Selections Greener Supreme coded N158 211B 1613 KR04 with use-by date of June 19 and UPC 11110 91039 Kroger Fresh Selections Leafy Romaine coded N158 111B KR11 with use-by date of June 19 and UPC 11110 91046 Walmart Marketside Leafy Romaine coded N158111B with use-by date of June 19 and UPC code 81131 02781

Dole said no other Walmart Marketside or Kroger Fresh Selections salads are included in the recall, only those listed above are recalled. Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause foodborne illness if eaten. Symptoms may include fever, muscle aches and gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea or diarrhea.

June 27, 2012

The South Carolina House has failed to override Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of a bill intended to provide information on and access to a free vaccine that prevents a sexually transmitted, cancer-causing virus. The House's 54-47 vote Tuesday killed the bill. It called for informational brochures on the vaccine for human papillomavirus, known as HPV, to be provided to parents of sixth-graders. Parents could choose to have their seventh-graders receive the vaccine. The bill specifies those provisions depend on funding. Haley opposed the bill, calling it a suspended unfunded mandate, while arguing it does nothing. And she says she doesn't want the government handing out leaflets on it. Sponsoring Rep. Bakari Sellers says Haley put politics ahead of women's health. He says preventing the cancer will save money and lives.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
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Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:30pm	COPS

Description: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED (Airs periodically as specials)
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Description: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

Description: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Texting & Driving
Wildfire Prevention

April 3, 2012

Landrum police said they were called to a local business after a woman said two men tried to rob and sexually assault her, but she scared them off when she fired shots at them. Police said the attack happened about 1 a.m. According to the incident report, the woman had just locked the store's back door when two men approached her and demanded she go inside. She refused, one of them pushed her against the door and ripped off her necklace while the other grabbed her earrings, according to the report. Investigators said as she continued to refuse, the men ripped open her shirt, exposing her chest, so she offered to give them money she had in her back pocket. When she went for the money she pulled out her handgun and fired one round at the subjects, according to the report. One of the men said "Oh, h*** no" and they took off running, according to police. They said the victim ran to the police station to report the assault and attempted robbery. Police used a canine unit to track the men, but were unable to catch them. They said the men were dressed in dark clothes. One had a dark, straight-billed baseball cap with bull horns on the front while the other was wearing a dark hoodie and dark baggy cargo pants. Nothing was stolen, according to the report. As of Tuesday, no arrests have been made in the case.

May 4, 2012

Clemson University wide receiver Sammy Watkins was arrested Thursday night along with a men's soccer player, according to the university. The university released a statement Friday that said Watkins, 18, a freshman communication studies major from Fort Myers, FL, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and simple possession of marijuana, both misdemeanors. Additionally, the school said Amadou Dia, 18, a freshman in parks, recreation and tourism management from Highlands Ranch, CO, and member of the men's soccer team, was charged with simple possession of marijuana. Watkins and Dia were arrested when police said they stopped the car Watkins was driving after an officer saw it scrape against a curb on campus and because the temporary license tag was not illuminated. According to the university, when the officer pulled the car over in a parking lot off Commons Court, he smelled marijuana. Officials said during a search he found marijuana and two pills for which Watkins did not have a prescription. Watkins and Dia were taken to the Clemson city jail. Watkins was released Friday morning on a \$1,620 personal recognizance bond, and Dia was released on a \$620 personal recognizance bond. Watkins was the Atlantic Coast Conference's offensive and overall rookie of the year following the Tigers' championship season. On Monday, a sports website listed Watkins and Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd were among 20 names in the potential running for the Heisman Trophy this fall. Watkins was a first-team Associated Press All-American as an all-purpose player as a freshman. He set league records for freshmen with 72 receptions, 1,073 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns. According to Clemson Police Chief Jimmy Dixon, Watkins was being held at the city's holding facility Thursday night but has since been removed from a city cell. Dixon said Watkins was arrested by university police but was brought to the city facility because it is the closest holding cell. Watkins will go through the university court system, Dixon said. Calls to Clemson University Police Department and Clemson University Athletics have gone unanswered. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest in this developing story.

May 11, 2012

A grand jury has indicted the mother of a missing South Carolina toddler in connection with his disappearance. Richland County prosecutors said in a statement that a grand jury on Thursday indicted 23-year-old Zinah Jennings on a charge of unlawful neglect of a child. Jennings was arrested last December on a charge stemming from the disappearance of 18-month-old Amir Jennings. At the time, authorities said they were desperately searching for Amir after his mother told them several inconsistent and false stories about the boy being with relatives and friends in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. The mother and son were reported missing in early December, but the mother turned up after she was involved in a car accident on Christmas Eve.

May 11, 2012

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venomous snakes being at the home. They said the snakes, including a cobra and pit vipers, were seized by animal control. Deputies said that after the reptiles were confiscated, the case was reviewed by animal control officers and a reptile expert. They said based on that review it was determined that the couple, identified as Charles and Rebecca Dutton, did not have a permit to possess such animals. Investigators said they also determined that the snakes were also not properly housed, placing the Duttons' two children, ages 2 months and 3 years, at an unreasonable risk of harm. Deputies said the couple was arrested Thursday and charged with unlawful neglect of a child. They were each released from jail on \$3,000 bond. They said the children are still in the custody of their parents.

May 24, 2012

An Inman man charged in the deadly accident that killed a Byrnes High School student in 2011 is expected to strike a deal in court Thursday. Michael White, 28, was charged with felony DUI resulting in death along with three counts of felony DUI resulting in great injury. In April 2011, investigators said White was intoxicated when he caused a crash that killed one teenager and seriously injured three others. At the time of the accident, White was driving with a suspended license, officials said. Investigators said 18-year-old Aaron Hill was killed in the crash on Highway 29 in Wellford. Hill was on his way to school when the vehicle he was driving was hit. White is scheduled to appear in court at 9:30 a.m. and is expected to plead guilty to reckless homicide. Hill died on the same portion of highway that was named after his father, US Army Sgt. Shawn Hill. Sgt. Hill was killed while serving in Afghanistan.

May 24, 2012

A man has implicated himself in the death of 6-year-old Etan Patz, whose disappearance 33 years ago on his way to school helped launch a missing children's movement that put kids' faces on milk cartons, police said Thursday. Investigators were still going over details of the man's story. The development came just before the Friday anniversary of the boy's disappearance, when detectives traditionally receive a landslide of hoaxes and false leads related to the case. The man was picked up late Wednesday in Camden, N.J., according to a law enforcement official, and was being questioned Thursday by the Manhattan district attorney's office, which is heading the probe by the FBI and police. The law enforcement official said the man has been tied to the case in the past. "An individual now in custody has made statements to NYPD detectives implicating himself in the disappearance and death of Etan Patz 33 years ago," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said in a statement. Kelly said he expected to release additional details later Thursday. The man's emergence as a person of interest was not related to the search of a Manhattan basement in April, according to a person familiar with the investigation. Both the person familiar with the probe and the official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the ongoing probe into the boy's disappearance in 1979. At the time of the boy's disappearance, the man in custody lived in the same Manhattan neighborhood as Patz. He had been known to detectives for years, but it was unclear what brought them back to him this week. Wearing a backpack, the boy with sandy hair and a toothy grin vanished May 25, 1979, while walking alone to his school bus stop for the first time, two blocks from his home in New York's SoHo neighborhood. There was an exhaustive search by the police and a crush of media attention. The boy's photo was one of the first of a missing child on a milk carton. Thousands of fliers were plastered around the city, buildings canvassed, hundreds of people interviewed. SoHo was not a neighborhood of swank boutiques and galleries as now, but of working-class New Yorkers rattled by the news. Etan's parents, Stan and Julie Patz, were reluctant to move or even change their phone number in case their son tried to reach out. They still live in the same apartment, down the street from the building that was examined in April. They have endured decades of false leads, and a lack of hard evidence. The Patzes are among the residential holdouts in what has become a chic and artsy shopping district. At one point Thursday morning, the actress Meg Ryan - wearing dark glasses despite a drizzle - walked briskly past the scene, ignoring photographers who trailed her. The April excavation of a Manhattan basement yielded no obvious human remains and little forensic evidence that would help solve the decades-long mystery of what happened to the boy. The Patz family did not immediately return a message requesting comment. "I hope this is the end of it," said Roz Radd, who lives a couple of blocks from the Patz family's home and knows Etan's mother casually from walking dogs in the neighborhood. "There's going to be hopefully closure to her, to know what happened to her son." Etan's disappearance touched off a massive search that has ebbed and flowed over the years. It also ushered in an era of anxiety about leaving children unsupervised. In 2010, Manhattan District Attorney

Cyrus R. Vance Jr. announced he was reinvestigating the case. The is still considers a missing persons case. In the past, the case seemed to have been largely focused on Jose Ramos, a convicted child molester, now serving time in Pennsylvania, who had been dating Etan's baby sitter at the time the boy disappeared. In 2000, authorities dug up Ramos' former basement on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, but nothing turned up. Stan Patz had his son declared legally dead in 2001 so he could sue Ramos, who has never been charged criminally and denies harming the boy. A civil judge in 2004 found him to be responsible for Etan's death. More recently, the focus had shifted to a 75-year-old Brooklyn resident, though he was not named a suspect and denied any involvement. In 1979, he was a handyman who had a workplace in the basement where the April excavation occurred. The handyman's lawyer, who has maintained his client was not involved in the crime, said he would speak with his client and release a statement later.

May 29, 2012

A man dangled from the cab of a 150-foot construction crane before falling to his death early Tuesday at a college campus in Dallas, ending a more than 14-hour standoff, police said. The man, whose name has not been released, had spent a sweltering afternoon on the crane at the Southern Methodist University campus at University Park, fully exposed to the blazing sun with temperatures in the low 90s. He warned officers that he was armed and would shoot anyone who approached him. Two police tactical officers who climbed the crane discovered he had sprayed a greasy substance "similar to WD-40" in the area near the cab, preventing them from reaching him, said Deputy Chief Randy Blankenbaker. The man, who climbed the crane around noon Monday, pulled himself out of the cab and briefly hung from the crane - holding on with just his hands - before dropping to his death at 1:47 a.m. Tuesday. "The suspect is deceased," Sr. Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez said. Police did not say if any weapon had been recovered. Police were investigating if the man was involved in the theft of a truck before the standoff at the crane began. Kent Best, an SMU spokesman, said the man in the crane was a suspect fleeing from Dallas police. His name was not immediately released. The University campus was closed for Memorial Day, but reopened Tuesday. The crane is being used for campus housing projects.

May 29, 2012

Hendersonville police identified a man Tuesday morning who they said was armed when he fled after his vehicle crashed near a park Monday. A spokesman for the Hendersonville Police Department said that officers received a call about a home invasion, and while they were responding an officer spotted a vehicle that matched the description of a vehicle believed to be involved in the break-in. They said the driver of the vehicle hid his face and ducked down when the officer passed by in a patrol car. Police said the officer turned around and tried to stop the vehicle, but the driver sped away. They said the driver had a minor crash followed by a more serious crash near Patton Park. They said that after the second crash, the driver, who was armed with a shotgun, jumped out of the vehicle and ran toward the park. Investigators said that the officer ordered the man to stop, and when he refused the officer fired several shots at the fleeing man. They said that police rushed in to the pool at the park, evacuated it and searched the area, but the man was not found. On Tuesday, police identified the man as 24-year-old Jacob Hoots, saying that they believe he is still in the area. They said he faces charges of firearm possession, assault on law enforcement with a firearm, fleeing arrest and some traffic violations. Hoots was described as white, 6'1" tall with a medium build. Anyone with information about Hoots whereabouts was asked to call the Hendersonville Police Department at 828-697-3025.

May 31, 2012

A candidate for sheriff of Oconee County was arrested Wednesday after state investigators said he plotted the kidnapping of a judge. According to 10th Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams, James Bartee, 54, of Seneca, was arrested in Anderson and charged with solicitation to commit a felony after an investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division. Adams said Bartee was recorded trying to solicit someone to kidnap retired Circuit Court Judge James Williams Jr. According to a warrant, Bartee gave money to the person he asked to kidnap Williams in order to buy items that would aid in the commission of the crime. According to the Bartee campaign's Facebook page, there has been an ongoing dispute between him and Williams regarding Bartee's eligibility to run for the office. Williams recently filed a lawsuit claiming that Bartee could not run for sheriff because he had not been certified as a South Carolina law enforcement officer, which he said is required by law. Hearings have been held to determine if Bartee was eligible to run for office, and Bartee was arrested during the hearing on Wednesday. Williams told FOX Carolina that he believed Bartee may have thought the hearings would not be able to proceed without Williams' presence. Williams said his suit was motivated by the law, not politics. There is no word yet if Bartee will remain on the

ballot. Bartee served as an agent of the U.S. Secret Service for 25 years, according to his campaign website. Williams is the judge who presided over the sentencing of John Ludwig, a Greenville businessman who pleaded guilty to reckless homicide in a 2009 fatal crash in Travelers Rest. Ludwig was sentenced to probation - a sentence that stirred controversy. Bartee appeared in court Thursday morning where a judge set his bond at \$10,000 surety and ordered him to surrender his passport because he was considered a flight risk. Bartee's attorney Stephen Brown said the case was all political and requested a personal recognizance bond, which the judge granted. His next court appearance is set for June 29 at 9 a.m. in Oconee County. After he was released on bond, Bartee said he was innocent and will be vindicated. Brown said Bartee made the effort to become certified by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, but he said the academy is not following the law when it comes to issuing the certificate. "It's been a tough campaign and I have had a lot of stuff thrown at me, trying to get me off the ballot," said Bartee after his bond hearing. "Now this is the next step, just arrest me. What I'm telling you is I'm still on the ballot. It will be up to the people. Do they believe me? And the truth will come out, the full story." Brown said the issue won't be resolved until after the election is over, which is less than two weeks away. "Mr. Bartee is going to be running hard for sheriff over the next several weeks and fully expects to be elected," said Brown. "Bottom line is Mr. Bartee is fully qualified to run for sheriff and serve as sheriff in Oconee County." Three other Republican candidates are on the ballot for Oconee County Sheriff for the June 12 primary.

June 4, 2012

Greenville County deputies said they arrested 48 people during two prostitution stings last week, including a pastor. Deputies said that on Friday they conducted the undercover operation near the intersection of Interstate 85 and Augusta Road. They said that 14 men solicited the undercover deputies and were charged with either prostitution or loitering to engage in prostitution. Among those arrested during Friday's sting was 49-year-old Michael Wolfe. He is listed as the pastor of Advent United Methodist Church on Woodruff Road on the church's website. Others arrested during Friday's sting were: William Perretta, James Durham, Curtis Tate, Elmer Perez, Ivan Camacho, Terrance Borei, Stephen White, Sylvester Golden Jr., Jamie Hinton, John Jefferson, William Vaughn, Terry Brown and Timothy Underwood. Deputies said that on Saturday they conducted a second undercover operation along White Horse Road. They said 34 people were arrested during that investigation. The names of those arrested during this sting were not immediately released.

June 10, 2012

Spartanburg police said they are looking for a man who stole a bag of cash while a woman was trying to make a deposit early Saturday morning. The robbery happened about 12:15 a.m. at the Wells Fargo bank at 430 E. Main St. Police said that the woman, who worked at a nearby convenience store, was trying to put the bank bag into the night deposit slot when a gun-wielding man walked out of the bank, grabbed the bag and shoved her to the ground. The man was described as black, 5'7" tall, with a slender build and wearing a black ski mask, black T-shirt and black jeans. The woman suffered a cut to her arm during the robbery, police said. Anyone with information about the robbery was asked to call Crime Stoppers at 58-CRIME.

June 11, 2012

The search continues in Alabama for a gunman suspected of killing three people and wounding three more in a shooting at a pool party near Auburn University. Two of the slain victims were former players for the school's powerhouse football program. Authorities are searching for 22-year-old Desmonte Leonard of Montgomery, who's accused of opening fire Saturday night at an apartment complex after getting into a fight with some of the victims over a woman. He faces three

counts of capital murder. Auburn Police Chief Tommy Dawson says Leonard fled the scene in a white Chevrolet that he abandoned on the way back to Montgomery, about 55 miles away. They believe he's in the Montgomery area.

June 25, 2012

Deputies are investigating a double homicide after a man and woman were found shot to death inside of a car Saturday morning in Spartanburg. Spartanburg County deputies said they received a 911 call about a suspicious car about 4 a.m. with the driver slumped over the steering wheel. The caller reported seeing the gold Chevrolet Impala parked in the roadway on Blanchard Road near the intersection of Old Canaan Road. Investigators found the bodies of a white male and white female inside the car. Investigators have been working through the morning gathering evidence and information, but said there have been no suspects identified or a motive established for this crime. The coroner's office identified the two victims as Randy Dean Cochran, 45, of Moore and Anna Leigh Huckeba, 24, of Roebuck. The victims' autopsies are being conducting and toxicology results are pending, the coroner said. Deputies ask anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 888-CRIME-SC.

June 26, 2012

Police said a western North Carolina woman is accused of using her car to try and kill three people, including a Transylvania County deputy. Brevard police said it happened Tuesday afternoon outside of the Transylvania courthouse. Investigators said a woman and a man were involved in a civil suit. When the woman got into her car, she circled the parking lot and ran down the man she knew, according to police. Investigators said she also took down another woman and a deputy. The driver, whose name has yet to be released, was charged with three counts of attempted homicide and is being held at the Transylvania County Jail. "This is scary situation. When we get there, we have to figure out what is going on and get the situation calmed down and under control," said Brevard Police Chief Phil Harris. "When we got there, the officer was hurt and in pain, but our other victims were more seriously injured." The man was seriously injured and airlifted to Mission Hospital, police said. The deputy and the woman who were struck were treated and released.

June 27, 2012

Spartanburg Public Safety officers said one person was shot during an attempted robbery . It happened about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday on Peronneau Street. Police said the robber showed a gun and demanded cash from the victim. Police said the victim was then shot in the hand. The victim was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. Investigators have not made an arrest in this case. Police said the suspect was described as 5'10 and was last seen wearing dark colored clothing. You can call CrimeStoppers at 864-58-CRIME if you have any information about the suspect's whereabouts or the shooting.

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April 18, 2012

Gaming isn't the violence-inducing waste of time it's sometimes made out to be. Here are some important life lessons I learned from my childhood screen time. I have a long history with educational games. In the earliest of my last 29 years, I can recall hours pleasantly spent with MECC's Number Munchers and The Learning Company's Where in Time is Carmen San Diego, amongst others. But games don't have to be specifically educational in order to teach. Many are imparting valuable learning at the same time they're entertaining. Here are a few surprising lessons that video games have taught me.

Typing In my day, we didn't have fancy headset mics with which to hurl curses and racial epithets at each other. I taunted using the keyboard, like a man. But "LeetNinjaGangsta" wasn't going to wait for the end of my turn before gibbing me with his railgun, so I had to type quickly. Hence, epic-fast typing skills, especially in profanity-laced descriptions of others' Quake 2 skills — highly-useful, I'm sure you'll agree.

Computer literacy After I was shown the locations of "gorilla" and "snake" within the recesses of the family computer's file system, I learned my first real lesson about computers: .exe and .bat files were games, sometimes. Soon after, I began learning my second lesson: how to locate those files using the command prompt and DOS Shell. Just seven years old, I had already started on the path of nerdery that finds me writing for Digital Trends today.

Web literacy Blizzard's original Diablo provided my friends and I our first opportunity to play online. It also provided the first opportunity to cheat while doing so. During this time, our Web skills were honed by searches through atrocious Geocities and Angelfire pages for the newest hacks. Those early days spent weathering awful fonts and animated gifs make today's web — yes, even MySpace — infinitely more tolerable, and instilled an appreciation of quality Web design that has persisted to this day.

Economics The open-ended environment of EVE Online boasts an incredibly deep player-run economy. Some of the game's most powerful players are its super-industrialists: characters with in-game economic interests of hundreds of billions of ISK (the in game currency) — equivalent to thousands of real-world dollars. With its thrilling space combat and numerous opportunities to spend time in spreadsheets, it's easy to see why EVE remains a popular choice MMO choice amongst uber-nerds.

Physical education While physical fitness is important to a healthy life, in many cases it doesn't directly improve job performance. My keyboard doesn't care how fit I am. On the other hand, video games train muscle groups and reflexes that translate directly over to your desk job. Professional Starcraft players move with lightning speed, executing more than 300 actions per minute. That fervent pace corresponds to incredible deftness with mouse and keyboard. The result: the most talented data-entry technicians of our generation are being lost to a world of intense competition and cheering crowds. It's

tragic. Sports education I'm a big football fan, but my knowledge of the game is fairly limited. I pick up a bit each year, but I'll always be surpassed by two groups of people: those who played football at some level, and those who play EA's Madden games. A few virtual seasons coaching and managing a team can impart a surprisingly deep understanding of the sport. They won't improve your marketability, but video games can increase your enjoyment of your favorite sports. That's still pretty good. Leadership Counter Strike and World of Warcraft can provide excellent studies in leadership and teamwork, especially when played at their highest levels. Far more often, though, they demonstrate the effects when those qualities are lacking: see "No, idiot, we're on your team, quit flash-banging us," and the humorous, if fictional, "Leeroy Jenkins," respectively. History Sid Meier's Pirates has taught me far more about the Spanish Main than I would have ever learned elsewhere, all while offering a gaming experience with addictiveness on par with the most serious street drugs. The simulation genre has long been a friend of educational gaming. Consider the ubiquitous Oregon Trail: acquainting children with the dangers of fording the river for more than 35 years. Criminal justice A week-long seventh-grade mock trial taught me one thing, memorably: Objecting to things is the most fun one can have in the court room. Phoenix Wright taught me the same thing in the first fifteen minutes of gameplay. Winner: video games. Engineering Minecraft's sandbox mode provides a set of virtual building blocks so robust that actual working computers have been constructed within the game world. The dedication of the playe community indicates that the sophistication of these projects will only increase. It can't be too long before you'll be able to play a game on a virtual computer in a computer game on a computer. Did I just blow your mind? Ethics The Mass Effect games (and other Bioware properties) are well known for their morality-based dialogue system, where good and bad choices carry over from game to game. This culminates in the climax of the franchise's third installment, where your character's ethical history decides the fate of you, your crew, and the galaxy. But, seriously: You're learning. Writing this article was fun, but humor can obscure the real-life benefits of gaming. For example: Experience with the variety of game designs begets a facility with interfaces that can be helpful when learning new systems. All games are computer programs, after all, and using any computer program improves our ability to use others in the future. Each system trains us in its own way. Over time, we become more receptive to that training — whether it's from the newest first-person shooter or the latest edition of Pro Tools. The massive casual and mobile markets mean that there remains huge untapped potential for educational gaming. If we're lucky, a company like Zynga will enter the edutainment space. If America attacked education with the same fervor with which we do the latest Facebook game, we'd be the most educated nation in the world. Maybe someday.

May 23, 2012

A Greenville County middle school student was suspended Tuesday after officials said he brought a BB gun to school and showed it to another student. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office said the school resource officer at Sevier Middle School was told by school administrators that a 13-year-old student was rumored to have a weapon in his book bag. They said the officer questioned the student about the rumor and he admitted having the BB gun. Deputies said the BB gun was unloaded. The student was charged with possession of a weapon on school property and breach of peace. A spokesperson for Greenville County Schools said the student has been recommended for expulsion.

May 24, 2012

A Union County School District employee is accused of using school property to make extra cash. Deputies arrested 55-year-old Annie Jeter of Union after several months of investigation. She was charged with breach of trust with fraudulent intent. Jeter is accused of using the district's equipment to run her own document-printing service. Authorities arrested Jeter after checking out her hard drive. According to the arrest warrant, Jeter used the federally funded equipment for personal use, charging a fee for making the documents and kept the profits that were worth between \$2,000 and \$10,000. The case has been turned over to South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

May 27, 2012

Boosting students' levels of physical education improves their grades, a new, small study says. Swedish researchers followed more than 200 schoolchildren, starting from first through third grade, for nine years. Some children were assigned to an intervention group that received physical education five days a week, plus extra training in motor-physical skills such as balance and coordination. The other children were assigned to a control group that received usual levels of physical

education. The study showed that 96 percent of students in the intervention group achieved grades that made them eligible to advance to upper-secondary school, compared with 89 percent of students in the control group. This difference was especially evident among boys (96 percent in the intervention group and 83 percent in the control group). The boys in the intervention group had significantly higher grades in Swedish, English, math, physical education and health than those in the control group. The study also found that in ninth grade, 93 percent of students in the intervention group had good physical motor skills, compared with 53 percent of student in the control group. "Physical education has been pared down from three lessons a week to one or two," study author Ingegerd, Ericsson of Malmo University, said in a news release. "We scientifically confirm here that daily timetabled physical education and adapted motor skills training not only improves motor skills but also school achievement."

May 30, 2012

Applying to colleges is the starkest economic lesson most high school seniors learn. All of a sudden, unlimited desires (you want the best education possible) crash head-on into the reality of finite resources (you can only afford to spend so much on tuition). Some students and their parents don't even concern themselves with the latter point, borrowing whatever they need - and often taking decades to pay it off. Fortunately, there's a smarter way to go about it. The Ivy League schools continue to be regarded as among the world's finest. *U.S. News* reinforces the point by ranking six of the eight Ivies among the 15 best colleges on earth. Alas, the Ivies are as expensive as they are illustrious. The schools' rigorous academic standards are supposed to keep garden-variety high school seniors from applying, but that still isn't discriminatory enough to restrict admission to a workable size. Instead, the colleges add a little sticker shock. Attending an Ivy League college continues to hold enormous cachet, so much so that the schools can almost name their own prices. Harvard charges full-time students \$38,480 for the upcoming academic year, Yale \$33,400, and Dartmouth \$43,782. That's just for tuition. Room and board are excluded, and expensive. In fact, they've outpaced inflation even more than tuition has. The curious thing is that these schools have some of the richest endowments known to man. Harvard's is over \$30 billion, enough to pay every undergraduate's tuition and still have over a more than 90% left over. Whatever rainy day Harvard administration is saving for will be a wet one indeed. On the other end of the spectrum, you can spend a few hundred dollars per semester to study at your local community college. If you do so, regardless of how stellar your grades are, you'll still lose out in any job interview to the Princeton graduate with the 2.0 grade-point average. That might not be fair, but it's life. So, what about the optimal tradeoff? Are there schools that offer a marketable education at a discount price, and what are they? They exist, and they're more plentiful (and probably closer) than you might think. Kiplinger's famous list of bargain schools distinguishes between private and public, with the University of North Carolina having led the latter category for 11 consecutive years. North Carolinians pay just \$7,008 annually to attend UNC, which is followed by three other large, notable schools which include the University of Florida, the University of Virginia, and the College of William and Mary (which is also located in Virginia). Tuition for residents remains in the high four-digit range. What if you're not a resident of the state in question, and can't take advantage of the low tuition such residents enjoy? You can always save money by studying abroad. Which sounds counterintuitive, but isn't. For generations, it's been common practice for Americans in the northern reaches of the lower 48 to pack up and move to a particular foreign country to study. Canadian universities are some of the biggest bargains in education for American students. Granted, Canadian taxpayers subsidize their nation's tertiary education system, but that's of little concern to the New Yorker who can choose between paying \$27,045 a year at Cornell or barely half that across the Quebec border at the comparably respected McGill. The former's alumni includes nine Nobel Laureates in the hard sciences while the latter's include seven, a quick-and-dirty measure to approximate a college's academic reputation. Still, even the \$14,000 annual tuition at McGill might cause some incoming American students to balk. The good news is that there's one group of U.S. colleges that's not only universally recognized for academic and leadership excellence, but whose tuition prices can't be beat: 0. What's more, each of these schools promises every incoming freshman a prestigious job upon graduation. These zero-cost education institutions would be the service academies, which include the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The big three academies also have two lesser-known counterparts, the United States Coast Guard Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in New London, Conn.

Supply, demand and the lure of free tuition would seem to dictate that the service academies would be overwhelmed with applications each year. And they are, but that's not how the admissions procedure works. Instead, each prospective student

requires a letter of recommendation from his or her congressman or senator. Nor do the academies accept transfer students. Well, you can apply after you've studied elsewhere, but your credits won't count. For the agreeable admission price, students are subjected to a notoriously rigorous and disciplined life. Extracurricular activities are mandatory (to say nothing of early morning reveille), as is a five-year commitment upon matriculation. Graduates of each service academy receive a commission in their particular branch, and are virtually certain to impress any subsequent civilian employer. Education is one of the few goods with such a variable range of prices. A four-year degree at one university can be several orders of magnitude more expensive than a similar education at a less-heralded school. A smart high school senior will do his or her homework before committing to a school and its price tag. In fact, that's almost the very definition of a smart high school senior.

June 14, 2012

Youngsters who are persistently overweight may not perform as well academically -- specifically in math -- as their normal-weight peers, new research suggests. Although the study didn't find a direct cause-and-effect relationship between being overweight or obese and school performance, the researchers did find that children who started kindergarten carrying extra weight and were still heavy when they finished fifth grade performed worse on math tests. "These children are not necessarily less smart, but they're performing less well," said the study's lead author, Sara Gable, an associate professor and state extension specialist in nutrition and exercise physiology at the University of Missouri, in Columbia. Gable said she suspects interpersonal troubles and internalizing behaviors may be why weight can affect math performance. "We know, in general, that children who have poor peer relationships don't do as well at school," she said. "And we also know that children with internalizing behaviors don't do as well. Internalizing behaviors are anxiety, worry, not feeling as if they have a lot of friends and feeling sad. Children with weight problems tend to feel internalizing behaviors and not have good interpersonal skills," she added. Gable said that these effects, year over year, are likely cumulative. Nancy Copperman, director of public health initiatives at North Shore-LIJ Health System in Great Neck, N.Y., said the study demonstrates the importance of preventing childhood obesity. "Obesity isn't just a cosmetic problem," she said. "It has impacts that go from chronic disease to mental achievement, and ultimately to income and a happy, successful, well-adjusted life." Results of the study appear in the July/August issue of the journal *Child Development*. For the study, Gable and her colleagues used data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal study. The current study included 6,250 youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade. Weight and height were measured at five points throughout the study, and the measurements were used to calculate the children's body-mass index, a figure that assesses whether someone is normal weight, overweight or underweight. The children were placed into one of three groups based on their weight: never overweight (80 percent of the children), persistently overweight (12 percent) or later-onset overweight (8 percent). The later-onset group was not overweight in kindergarten or first grade, but was overweight in third or fifth grade (or both). At the time measurements were taken, parents and teachers filled out extensive questionnaires about the children. Teachers were asked to assess interpersonal relationships and internalizing behaviors. In addition, the children were given standardized math tests at each point. The study group was slightly less than half male; most (83 percent) of the children lived in two-parent households; two-thirds of the children were white, 16 percent were Hispanic, 9 percent were black and 5 percent were Asian. Just less than half of the mothers worked full-time, and the average household income was about \$50,000. Children who were persistently overweight from kindergarten through fifth grade performed worse on math tests beginning in first grade. Weight status didn't play a significant role in math-test performance when the children were in kindergarten. "That means there's some aspect in the school setting that's affecting performance," Gable said. One factor may be a subtle bias the researchers found when teachers were asked to rate children's interpersonal skills and internalizing behaviors. Teachers were more likely to rate persistently overweight children as having internalizing behaviors than their never-overweight or later-onset peers. With interpersonal skills, the teachers were more likely to rate persistently overweight girls as having trouble with their peers compared to their normal-weight or later-onset peers. No such difference was found for boys. Gable said there are likely other factors at play. For example, obese children may miss more school days, which would affect their performance. Obese children also are more likely to have sleep apnea, which, if untreated, can affect daytime performance. The bottom line, Gable said, is that "parents need to protect children from obesity as long as they possibly can. Establish a healthy lifestyle that prevents this from happening. Once someone is obese, it's really hard to change." If your child already is overweight, Gable said, it is important to get them on a course to better habits. But, she added, it is also important to "help children learn that this is not who they are." Their

weight doesn't define them. It is also crucial that any changes to diet and exercise routine affect the whole family. "The whole family's routines have to change. Not just one person's plate or one person's activity level," Gable said. For her part, Copperman said, "It's never too late to start helping your child live a healthy lifestyle." "It's kind of like driving a car on the expressway," she said. "You can't suddenly put the car in reverse. If your child is already overweight, you need to step on the brakes to stop the weight gain."

June 19, 2012

A Scottish girl's blog about the quality of her school meals had been getting a huge number of hits after news outlets around the world got hold of the story last month. Then her local council told her to stop. And that's when things really kicked off. When nine-year-old Brit Martha Payne first started her Never Seconds blog back in April, she could never have imagined what a stir it would cause. The blog is a record of Martha's lunches at her school in Scotland, with each post comprising a photo, some comments and a rating based on taste and healthiness. Adding a bit of humor, she also lists how many "pieces of hair" she finds in each meal. Her school had given her permission to go ahead with the blog. While some of Martha's lunches look rather tasty, it has to be said that a fair few look a little on the sad side. Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, known as much for his campaigns to improve school meals as for his culinary skills, introduced Martha's blog a wider audience last month when he tweeted to his millions of followers, "Shocking but inspirational blog. Keep going. Big love from Jamie x." A big part of the blog also involves Martha's efforts to raise money for charity Mary's Meals, an international movement which helps set up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities. However, despite Martha's honest food-related comments — both good and bad — her local council this week decided to ban her from taking any more photographs of the meals. "The photographic images uploaded appear to only represent a fraction of the choices available to pupils," it said in a statement, "so a decision has been made by the council to stop photos being taken in the school canteen." The council also claimed some of the catering staff at the school were worried they might lose their jobs after an article with the headline 'Time to fire the dinner ladies' appeared in the Scottish Daily Record newspaper. On Thursday, Martha posted an entry on her blog about what had happened: This morning in maths I got taken out of class by my head teacher and taken to her office. I was told that I could not take any more photos of my school dinners because of a headline in a newspaper today. I only write my blog not newspapers and I am sad I am no longer allowed to take photos. I will miss sharing and rating my school dinners and I'll miss seeing the dinners you send me too. I don't think I will be able to finish raising enough money for a kitchen for Mary's Meals either. You can probably guess what happened next. Users of social networking sites weighed in, demanding the ban be overturned. A local lawmaker joined in too, calling the decision "daft." Even Jamie Oliver returned to the fray, tweeting, "Stay strong Martha", before urging his army of followers to retweet the message. It was all starting to get rather serious. Meetings were arranged between the council and Martha's father, while reports emerged of the catering staff being reduced to tears over the news coverage. By the middle of Friday, however, the council announced it had reversed its decision. "It is a good thing to do, to change your mind, and I have certainly done that," council leader Roddy McCuish told the BBC. Martha was understandably overjoyed about the council's U-turn, blogging, "Thanks to everyone that has helped to get my blog back on track. I would have missed writing it a lot and I'm looking forward to sharing my dinners and yours." One of the happy results of all the publicity is that donations through the schoolgirl's blog to the Mary's Meals charity have skyrocketed this week. And would you believe, Martha's efforts also appear to have had an effect on the quality of the dishes served at her school. "I've been following this blog since the third entry and I have to say I've noticed a vast improvement in the meals," a commenter wrote on the BBC website.

June 25, 2012

It's better to treat the symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) sooner rather than later to prevent a drop in performance at school, according to new research. A delay in treatment appeared to make the biggest difference in math scores, and later treatment seemed to affect girls significantly more than boys, the study indicated. "We found that earlier treatment rather than late may halt declining academic performance, especially in math, and especially for girls," said the study's lead author, Helga Zoega, a postdoctoral fellow at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, and the Center of Public Health Sciences at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik. Results of the study were released online June 25, and are scheduled to be published in the July print issue of *Pediatrics*. Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder affects between 5

percent and 10 percent of all children in the United States and Europe, according to background information in the study. The U.S. National Institute of Mental Health says that the primary symptoms of the disorder are hyperactive and impulsive behavior, and inattention. In general, girls tend to have more trouble with paying attention, while boys tend to be more hyperactive, said Zoega. Stimulant medications have been shown to have a positive effect on children with ADHD, helping them to focus and helping youngsters control hyperactive and impulsive behavior. However, concerns about overuse, addiction, misuse and unknown long-term outcomes have led some parents to forgo or delay medication use. To see what effects stimulant treatment had on academic progress, as well as to see if a delay in treatment made a difference, Zoega and her colleagues reviewed data from Iceland's national databases. Iceland retains records on 100 percent of prescription drugs dispensed. They also maintain records on standardized school testing that's required at age 9 and age 12. The study included data from almost 14,000 Icelandic children born between 1994 and 1996. Data on prescription-medication use were gathered for 2003 through 2008, according to the report. The researchers identified 1,029 children who were treated with ADHD drugs during the study period. Of those, 96 percent were treated with methylphenidate (brand names Concerta and Ritalin), a stimulant medication. The academic performance of children without ADHD didn't change much between the fourth and seventh grade tests (given at ages 9 and 12, respectively), the investigators found. In children who received medication, the researchers noted a decline in academic performance that was concentrated in those who started treatment later. The average decline for those who started treatment later was 9.4 percentage points on the math test, the authors noted. Late treatment was any treatment that began 25 to 36 months after the fourth-grade test.

Overall, those who started treatment late had a 70 percent increased risk of having a decline in math performance between the two tests, and a 10 percent increased risk of having a decline in language arts tests, the investigators found. Girls who started treatment late had a 2.7 times higher risk of having a decline in their math scores compared to a 40 percent increased risk for boys who started treatment later. Zoega said the study wasn't designed to look at the reasons behind the decline, but she theorized that the bigger declines in girls' scores with late treatment may be because girls are more likely to have inattention problems, and math skills may be more affected by a lack of focus. Dr. Andrew Adesman, chief of developmental and behavioral pediatrics at Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York, in New Hyde Park, N.Y., said he wasn't surprised by the study's findings. He said that stimulant medications have been in use since the 1930s, and that back then, children used to refer to the drugs as their "arithmetic pills." "This study really has bearing for parents of children with ADHD, and they may find some comfort in knowing that there are some academic benefits from treatment with medications, especially if they're started early," Adesman said. A particular strength of this article is that there was no drug company funding, Adesman said.

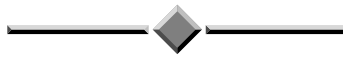
June 26, 2012

Former students in career-training programs at dozens of for-profit institutions have had so much trouble paying off their loans that the schools could lose access to federal student aid if they don't improve, new data from the U.S. Department of Education finds. The Education Department reported that at 193 programs at 93 schools, students were unable to meet any of three measures under the agency's new "gainful employment" rule. The new regulations, announced by the Obama administration last year, are aimed at making sure students in career-training programs at for-profit, nonprofit and public institutions are able to get a job and pay off their student loans when they graduate. The programs include Everest College's paralegal training in Salt Lake City and more than 40 other programs operated by Corinthian Colleges, one of the nation's largest higher education companies; chef training at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Austin, Texas; and the medical assistant program at Sanford-Brown College in McLean, Va. "Career colleges have a responsibility to prepare people for jobs at a price they can afford," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said. "Schools that cannot meet these very reasonable standards are on notice: invest in your students' success, or taxpayers can no longer invest in you." The Education Department considers former students "gainfully employed" if the program they participated in meets one of three metrics: The estimated annual loan payments for a typical graduate does not exceed 30 percent of his or her discretionary income or 12 percent of total earnings; or at least 35 percent of former students are repaying their loans. "These aren't the strictest standards to live up to," said Stephen Burd, a senior policy analyst at the New America Foundation, a nonpartisan public policy institute. That there are programs at 93 schools that don't meet any of the three "should raise alarms, and the fact we aren't doing anything about them for a long while from now is worrisome." Steve Gunderson, president and CEO of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, which represents for-profits, said the department's regulation doesn't accurately measure the services provided by career colleges and could result in thousands of students losing access to postsecondary education. "America faces a demand for eight to 23 million workers with postsecondary education over the

next decade, but this regulation seeks to only impose a series of faulty numerical measures that ignore the economic reality of inner-city and rural areas, education's long-term benefits and the will of the Congress," he said. He said some schools have not received rates for all of their programs and that there have been reports that student and loan files are incorrect and that the department does not have the right data on the amount of federal debt for students or schools. Twelve percent of all students in higher education attend a for-profit institution, yet they represent 46 percent of all student loan dollars in default. While students who attend community colleges usually do not have to borrow money to enroll, the median federal student loan debt for a student earning an associate's degree at a for-profit was \$14,000. Meanwhile, for more than a quarter of for-profit schools, 80 percent of their revenue consists of federal student aid, the Department of Education said in announcing the finalized rule last year. Many non-traditional, adult students attend for-profit schools because of their flexible schedules, but critics say they have weaker student outcomes and that quality varies widely. Twenty-eight percent of students who enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at private, for-profit institutions in the fall of 2004 graduated within six years. The six-year graduation rate for a student at a private nonprofit institution, meanwhile, was double, at 65 percent. At public institutions, the graduation rate was 56 percent. The department has estimated 8 percent of all career programs would fail to meet the three benchmarks at some point in time, while only 2 percent would eventually lose student aid eligibility. The data being released Wednesday covers 3,695 programs in 1,335 schools over a two-year period. Of those, 35 percent met all three measurements; 31 percent met two; 29 percent met one and 5 percent did not meet any of the three metrics. Kent Jenkins Jr., a spokesman for Corinthian Colleges, said the vast majority of their programs are in compliance with the regulation. He said that the department evaluated 637 of their training programs and that 93 percent complied with the regulation. Of those that failed all three metrics, Jenkins said they have eliminated or are in the process of eliminating 13. He said they believe another 21 programs would be in compliance using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"That leaves a very small number of programs with issues, and we will of course take actions to address those," Jenkins said. Burd said many had expected the number who failed all three of the benchmarks to be much higher. Nonetheless, he said the data raises serious questions about the quality of training that students are receiving at institutions that didn't meet any of the benchmarks. "If we're seeing they're failing all three metrics and we're not taking any action related to that, it's putting students in harm's way," he said. All of the data to be released Wednesday is strictly for informational purposes and to give the schools an opportunity to review and work on improving their student outcomes, the department said. Enforcement will begin this fall, though schools would need to fail for three out of four years in order to lose access to federal student aid.

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Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Arbor Day Foundation
Discovering Nature
World Wildlife Fund

April 17, 2012

A trailer containing chemicals that can be dangerous was stolen in Belton last week. The theft happened between April 7 and April 12 at the Anderson Jockey Lot at 4530 Hwy. 29. Deputies said the 53-foot-long, enclosed trailer contained about 1,000 pounds of sodium hydroxide, which is commonly referred to as lye. They said the chemical, which is used as a drain cleaner, can burn the skin, cause breathing problems and irritate the eyes. The trailer also contained 26 parking lot lights and two kitchen ranges, deputies said. Deputies said the trailer has the number 139 painted on the side. Anyone who has information about the trailer or the theft was asked to call Crime Stoppers at 888-CRIME-SC (888-274-6372).

May 4, 2012

This week's near-record heat has many people wondering what happened to spring, but forecasters said relief may be around the corner. On Thursday, the mercury climbed to 87 degrees at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, which is four degrees shy of the record set in 1959. In Asheville, temperatures topped out at 83, just two degrees less than the record high set in 1965. "Temperatures the past couple of days have been running 10 to 12 degrees above normal for this time of year," said FOX Carolina Chief Meteorologist Kendra Kent. Kent said a summer-like area of high pressure has settled over the Carolinas, making it difficult for more seasonable air to move south. She said the high pressure will begin to weaken this weekend, allowing temperatures to cool and rain chances to increase. Better chances for rain is also good news, especially for the Upstate of South Carolina. Much of that area has been listed in severe drought by the U.S. Drought Monitor. According to the National Weather Service, the Greenville area is 11.56 inches below the average rain fall amount for the year. Asheville is more than a foot below average.

May 9, 2012

It has been almost a month since a Greenville County lake drained due to a ruptured dam. Greenville County Recreation

District officials said construction to repair the dam at Oak Grove Lake could begin sometime late summer. "Our intent and our plan is to repair the dam and to do what it takes to get the lake back up to full pond," said Mike Teachey, the director of [communications](#) for Greenville Rec. Teachey said the rain will determine how long it will take for the lake to fill up. Crews have put in a sediment dam at the lake to stop sediment from washing away downstream, Teachey said. On April 12, officials had warned residents for possible rising flood waters as the lake drained due to the dam problem. A day later, the lake had drained almost entirely. Neighbors reported on Wednesday that lake remained dry.

May 11, 2012

If you read the very first sentence of Judy Blume's *Forever*, you get a sense that this book is definitely not for children. It reads, "Sybil Davison has a genius I.Q.," and then goes on to describe her sexual history. But children are the ones who have been [checking](#) this book out at Wren Middle School, according to Missey Sweet. Her daughter was one of them. "She said she found out about the book from some friends who already read it," Sweet says. "They told her about what was in the book, and she's 12, she's curious."

Curious as her daughter may have been, Sweet says her 12-year-old daughter is now left with more questions than answers, mainly because of the graphic descriptions in that book. "It has always been controversial in the library world because it deals with teens and sexual activity and their first sexual experience," says Janet Price with the Anderson County Library. Judy Blume herself says the book isn't appropriate for children. Price says the county library carries the book but it's in the teen and adult sections. "If I wanted my daughters to read this when they were teens, I would've read it first and said, 'Let's use this to talk about these issues,'" says Price. Anderson County Schools District One says, for their part, they agree with Sweet, and say *Forever* shouldn't be on shelves, adding the book will likely never go back into the school's library. The school system says it has the only copy in the county - a copy Sweet plans to keep. "I'm actually purchasing this book from the school just so we can keep it off the shelves," she says. Anderson County Schools says they want to emphasize there are proper channels to go about challenging a book, adding that anyone can fill out a form at any school. They say they'll likely take a closer look at what's on their shelves and the process that goes into it.

May 22, 2012

Andrew Philson and his 3-year-old son will sleep a little on edge knowing that the alleged 15 to 20 foot long snake spotted in their backyard on Tuesday has remained elusive. Philson got a call from his elderly neighbor about the reptilian nuisance and thought he'd be finding a small garter or black snake, but got the shock of his life when he saw the beast slithering up one of his trees. "I looked over there and wow!" Philson said. "It was a revelation." After the initial shock, Philson snapped several pictures of the massive snake behind his Devereaux St. home, which is near Kilbourne St and N. Beltline Blvd., and started calling around to see who could get rid of it. So far, he's not had any luck, but, after looking at Philson's pictures, officials at the Department of Natural Resources say they're positive that it is a black rat snake. Philson, however, believes it is some type of python. "I've seen a rat snake and they don't get that big," said Philson. According to DNR, rat snakes are not poisonous and are considered to be beneficial to have around because they eat rats and rodents and keep other, more dangerous, snakes away. They are incredibly agile when it comes to climbing and can sometimes be found among the rafters of outbuildings, along rock walls, or in trees high above the ground. Their climbing abilities allow them to ascend the trunks of mature trees, which they sometimes do in search of prey which includes birds and small mammals. Some large black rat snakes can kill and eat a full grown squirrel. The snake is still on the loose and Philson hopes that somebody will come and take it away. He's not ready to pay over \$150 out of his pocket just to have a professional come out and look around, without a guarantee of the snake being captured. DNR officers said they do not respond to remove rat snakes because of the benefit they offer to the environment. "I think this is a public nuisance and I think people need to know in this area that there's a snake this big on the loose," said Philson. He does not want to see the snake be killed, he just doesn't want it around his home anymore. Philson says his 3-year-old isn't allowed in the back yard until he is sure the snake is gone. "He plays in the back yard a lot and they have children that come over, her grandchildren, and they play in the back yard a lot. And a snake that big could easily take out a child that size," Philson said.

May 24, 2012

The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Hurricane Bud has formed off the southwestern coast of Mexico. The Miami-based agency said early Thursday the storm was packing sustained winds of 75 mph and was located in the Pacific Ocean about 385 miles southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico. Wind and storm conditions are expected to reach the southwestern coast of Mexico by late Friday. Mexico had issued the tropical storm watch on Wednesday night along the Pacific coast from Punta San Telmo to La Fortuna.

May 29, 2012

After making landfall in northern Florida early Sunday morning, Tropical Depression Beryl could bring showers and thunderstorms to the western Carolinas on Tuesday as the storm moves north. The center of circulation is expected to be near South Carolina's south coast Tuesday evening and pass by overnight. Meteorologist Brett Cimborra, of the National Weather Service in Charleston, said rain Tuesday will begin as on-and-off showers from storm bands then give way to steadier rain. In the western Carolinas, a cold front that is helping steer Beryl out to sea will act as the focus of showers and storms Tuesday afternoon, according to FOX Carolina Chief Meteorologist Kendra Kent. Kent said the area should dry out late Wednesday before more thunderstorms arrive with a second system on Thursday and Friday. The area could use the rain. Most of the Upstate of South Carolina has been placed in some level of drought by the U.S. Drought Monitor. The driest part of the region is in Greenwood and Abbeville counties, where the drought was listed as extreme - the second highest level on the scale. The remainder of the region was listed in either severe or moderate drought. The Greenville-Spartanburg National Weather Service said Greenville is 4.27 inches below the average rainfall for the year. Asheville has fared much better with rainfall, coming in at just 0.07 inches below the average rainfall for the year.

May 29, 2012

A powerful earthquake killed at least 15 people as it rocked a swath of northern Italy on Tuesday. Factories and churches collapsed, dealing another blow to a region where thousands are still homeless after a stronger quake just nine days ago. The 5.8 magnitude quake added to the misery being felt in the Emilia Romagna region of towns north of Bologna, one of Italy's most agriculturally and industrial protective areas. The quake hit just after 9:00 a.m. with an epicenter 40 kilometers (25 miles) northwest of Bologna, according to the U.S. Geological Survey - just a handful of (miles) kilometers away from where the deadly May 20 quake was centered. The quake was felt from Piedmont in northwestern Italy to Venice in the northeast and as far north as Austria. It was followed by many aftershocks, some registering more than 5.0 in magnitude. While Tuesday's quake was about 100 times less intense than the 6.0 temblor on May 20, its death toll was more than twice the earlier quake's toll of seven. In both, the dead included workers killed by collapsing factories and warehouses. Civil Protection agency officials said at least 15 people were killed, about 100 were injured and there was no precise number of the missing. Emergency crews were trying to sift through the twisted steel and broken stone, looking for victims. In the town of Mirandola, near the epicenter, the church of San Francis crumbled, leaving only its facade standing. The main cathedral also collapsed. The 9 a.m. temblor terrified many of the thousands of residents who have been living in tents or cars since the May 20 quake and added thousands more homeless into the area. "I was shaving and I ran out very fast, half dressed," a resident of Sant'Agostino, one of the towns devastated in the quake earlier this month, told AP Television News on Tuesday. Sant'Agostino's town hall, so damaged in the May 20 quake that it looked as if it had been bombed, virtually collapsed when the latest deadly temblor struck.

In a hastily called news conference, Premier Mario Monti pledged the government will do "all that it must and all that is possible in the briefest period to guarantee the resumption of normal life in this area that is so special, so important and so productive for Italy." The region around Bologna is among the country's most productive. Italy is desperately in need of its industries, for the country is in the midst of another recession and struggling to tame its massive debt as the European debt crisis worsens. Many victims of the new quake, like the one nine days ago, were at work in huge warehouses that collapsed, including one dead inside a machinery factory in Mirandola. The mayor of San Felice sul Panaro told Sky News 24 that there were fatalities in his town, where Italian media said a tower had collapsed. Tall buildings and schools were evacuated as far away as Milan as a precaution before people were allowed to re-enter. Train lines connecting Bologna with other northern cities were halted while authorities checked for any damage. When the quake hit, Monti was meeting with emergency officials in Rome to discuss the impact of the earlier quake, which struck in the middle of the night and left at least 7,000 homeless. The May 20 quake was described by Italian emergency officials as the worst to hit the region since the 1300s. In

addition to the deaths, it knocked down a clock tower and other centuries-old buildings and caused millions in losses to a region known for making Parmesan cheese. Its epicenter was about 35 kilometers (22 miles) north of Bologna. Residents had just been taking tentative steps toward resuming normal life when the second quake struck. In the town of Sant'Agostino, a daycare center had just reopened. In the town of Concordia, the mayor had scheduled a town meeting Tuesday evening to discuss the aftermath of the first quake. Instead, mayor Carlo Marchini confirmed the death of one person struck by falling debris in the town's historic center. Italy's friendly soccer match against Luxembourg, a warm-up match for the Euro 2012 championships, was canceled. The game was due to be played Tuesday in Parma, just 40 miles (60 kilometers) west of the quake.

June 25, 2012

The governor of Florida, Rick Scott, has declared a statewide emergency as Tropical Storm Debby continues to creep along in a northeasterly direction and dumping a possible 10 to 20 inches of rain. "We're bringing in all emergency support personnel to coordinate activities, so we can have the right response," Gov. Scott said in a news conference from Tallahassee, FL on Monday. Tropical Storm Debby drenched Florida as the storm continues moves slowly through northern Florida and southern Georgia. Over the weekend, high winds, tornadoes and waterspouts were reported across Florida. A tornado killed one person near Sarasota, FL. But flooding seems to be what will cause the most damage. Roads in cities along the Gulf of Mexico were closed due to high water. In Pasco County, FL, some residents from a mobile home park needed to be rescued due to flooding. Florida state officials tell the Associated Press that about 35,000 people are without power. Some areas may experience flooding from the high tide which will be affected by the storm surge. A flash flood warning is effect for most of the Florida Panhandle, according to the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The agency also warns people to stay out of the water due to dangerous rip currents. As of 1 p.m. ET, Debby was centered about 50 miles southwest of Apalachicola, FL, with sustained winds of about 45 mph, but is crawling northeast at 5 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center at the National Weather Service. A tropical storm warning has been issued along the Florida Gulf Coast from Destin to Englewood. The storm will continue to soak Central Florida and Southeast Georgia, with total accumulations projected to reach 10 to 20 inches. Up to 25 inches of rain is possible in some areas. Georgia and South Carolina could receive 5 to 15 inches of rain. Locations as far east as the Florida Panhandle will experience 10 to 15 inches of rain. The NWS has warned Panhandle residents to look out for possible tornadoes. However, the tropical storm warning across the Florida-Alabama border to Destin, FL, has been lifted. Debby's strongest winds and much of the heaviest rainfall is on the east side of the storm, well removed from the center of circulation. A few tornadoes are possible today across the eastern Florida panhandle, the Florida peninsula and southern Georgia, with warning lasting until 11 p.m. Monday. Thousands of Miami Heat fans streamed into the streets Monday. The NBA had said it might cancel the parade if Debby-related thunder and lightning made an appearance. The bad weather held off just long enough to allow fans to enjoy the parade and festivities.

June 27, 2012

Authorities say it remains too dangerous for them to fully assess the damage from a destructive wildfire threatening Colorado's second-largest city. Colorado Springs emergency management director Brett Waters said Wednesday morning that officials don't know how many houses have been destroyed in the blaze that has forced mandatory evacuations for more than 32,000 residents. The fire is nowhere near contained, but incident commander Rich Harvey says firefighters have been able to establish and maintain a line of protection in some areas. Fire information officer Rob Dyerberg says the blaze doubled in size to about 24 square miles overnight Tuesday into Wednesday. Thunderstorms are expected in the afternoon, but Harvey says they could bring unpredictable winds that would hinder firefighters' efforts near the city of 419,000 people.

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Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
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Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

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Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

Description:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

South Carolina Department of Insurance
National Guard
Coast Guard

April 11, 2012

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is announcing a new policy spelling out what records her office must maintain. Haley's office and the state archives agency signed the document this week, representing a first in the 39-year history of the state Public Records Act. Archives director Eric Emerson said his agency prepared a records retention policy for former Gov. John West in the early '70s, but it was never signed. Haley's new policy follows criticism about deleted emails. The issue arose last fall after open records requests from media outlets revealed Haley's office routinely deleted emails. Haley announced shortly before Christmas that her office was working to clarify what records should be kept. Her office said it was working under a policy leftover from previous governors that was written before emails.

May 11, 2012

An attorney for a state Senate candidate is abandoning his effort to reinstate nearly 200 candidates left off of June 12 primary ballots by a South Carolina Supreme Court decision. Todd Kincannon told The Associated Press on Friday he is solely focusing on allegations the state violated the Voting Rights Act in sending separate ballots overseas for federal and local races. Kincannon initially filed suit last week on behalf of Amanda Somers. The Republican said her candidacy was thrown into question after justices ruled financial- and candidate-intent paperwork must be filed simultaneously. Since Somers was

ultimately allowed on the ballot, a judge questioned her ability to sue. A three-judge panel is expected next week to hear arguments on the overseas ballot issue.

May 11, 2012

A lawsuit surrounding Spartanburg police's use of force during a 2004 13-hour standoff comes to a close after the state appeals court issues its ruling. Intense moments turned into 13 hours of negotiating inside the Fast Point Convenient Store in Spartanburg. A standoff with an armed kidnapper ended with a shot from a SWAT team sniper with the Spartanburg Public Safety Department. The man shot in the shoulder is Jimmy Johnson. He was holding the store owner, Saroj Patel, hostage for hours, but she ran from his grasp once he was shot. "What we were doing was just setting up a plan in order to make entry into the building in case we had to do that," Capt. Art Littlejohn with Spartanburg Public Safety said. He headed the tactical team when the incident took place back in July 2004. "We're in the life-saving business," Littlejohn said. Police said back then the decision was made to tear down a wall of the store to get to Patel safely. Later, the building at South Church Street sat boarded up and damaged. Eventually it was torn down. On Thursday, there was a sale sign posted in the empty lot surrounded by overgrown weeds. "Our ultimate responsibility is to do what's necessary to save someone's life," Littlejohn said. After the hostage incident, the owners of the store, Carolina Convenience Store Inc., the Patels and others sued the city of Spartanburg for damages. The lawsuit states the police's actions caused damage and other economic loss. "When we're making decisions to try and save a person's life, it's hard to take into account the cost at the time because that's not our focus," Littlejohn said. The lawsuit was first dismissed after the case was heard by a jury, but Carolina Convenience Store Inc. appealed. On Wednesday, the South Carolina Appeals Court decided the action the city of Spartanburg took was a legitimate exercise of police power, which meant the city of Spartanburg would not be responsible for damages or found guilty of negligence. David Morrison is an attorney who represented the city in the case and released this statement: "The city of Spartanburg and its police department are gratified by the Court of Appeals ruling. We believe the court got it right. The city has believed all along that its officers acted appropriately and heroically when confronted with extremely difficult circumstances. The officers faced a life or death situation. They did everything possible to save the life of Mrs. Patel. Fortunately, their efforts were successful. At the end to the 13-hour standoff, they saved Mrs. Patel's life... While the damage to the building was unfortunate, the City believed it did what was necessary and reasonable under the circumstances. The jury and the trial court agreed. We are grateful that the Court of Appeals also believed that the city's actions in saving her life were appropriate." Littlejohn said the standoff ended the way he hoped with everyone safe. "And so we're grateful for that," Littlejohn said. The suspect in the case recovered from a gunshot wound to his shoulder and is now serving a prison sentence. The Patels told FOX Carolina they have accepted the court's ruling and are ready to put the incident behind them.

May 24, 2012

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is using a video showing a union leader whacking a piñata of her face as a fundraiser. The Republican governor's campaign sent out an email Wednesday asking supporters to contribute \$50 to \$250 to "show big labor we will not stand for their bullying." The email provided a link. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin also chimed in on her Facebook page, calling the video disgusting. The video circulated widely Tuesday in social media. It was filmed Saturday after the South Carolina Progressive Network's spring conference and features retiring state AFL-CIO president Donna Dewitt. Dewitt said there was no ill intent to the picnic game. She stressed the conference was not an AFL-CIO event. The national union sent a statement Tuesday calling it an inappropriate joke.

May 24, 2012

Food stamp recipients are ripping off the government for millions of dollars by illegally selling their benefit cards for cash - sometimes even in the open, on eBay or Craigslist - and then asking the government for replacement cards. The Agriculture Department wants to curb the practice by giving states more power to investigate people who repeatedly claim to lose their benefit cards. It is proposing new rules Thursday that would allow states to demand formal explanations from people who seek replacement cards more than three times a year. Those who don't comply can be denied further cards. "Up to this point, the state's hands have been tied unless they absolutely suspected fraudulent activity," said Kevin Concannon, the department's undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services. Overall, food stamp fraud costs taxpayers about \$750 million a year, or 1 percent of the \$75 billion program that makes up the bulk of the department's total budget for the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Most fraud occurs when unscrupulous retailers allow customers to turn in their benefits cards for lesser amounts of cash. But USDA officials are also concerned about people selling or trading cards in the open market, including through websites. Last year, the department sent letters urging eBay and Craigslist to notify customers that it's illegal to buy and sell food stamps. USDA officials followed up last month, saying they are still getting complaints that people are using the websites to illegally market food stamps. Both eBay and Craigslist have told the government they are actively reviewing their sites for illegal activity and would take down ads offering food stamp benefits for cash. The USDA also has warned Facebook and Twitter about the practice. South Dakota, Oklahoma, Washington, D.C., Minnesota and Washington state have the highest percentage of recipients seeking four or more replacement cards over a year. But USDA officials said that doesn't necessarily indicate a high rate of fraud. All states are required by law to reissue lost or stolen cards to those who are eligible for benefits. Wyoming, Idaho, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Alabama have the lowest percentage of households requesting four or more cards in a 12-month period. In North Carolina, the state already issues warning letters to people who request four replacement cards in a year, letting them know that officials are monitoring them closely. Dean Simpson, chief of economic family services for the North Carolina Division of Social Services, said the new rules would give her state even more of a boost in curbing food stamp fraud. "I think it would help with the trafficking and let individuals know they are being observed and watched," said Simpson, who oversees the state's distribution of food stamps. More than 46 million people receive food stamps, nearly half of them children. The average monthly benefit is \$132 per person. Benefit cards work like debit cards, allowing users to swipe them for food purchases at some 231,000 stores around the country that are authorized to take part in the food stamp program. Once a card is reported lost or stolen, it can be disabled immediately. But the USDA does not require photo identification, since several members of a family, including children, may use the cards at different times. Concannon stressed that the USDA wants to be sensitive to vulnerable people who may lose their cards for innocent reasons. While it may sound suspicious for someone to lose a card two or three times a year, food stamp recipients include many people who are homeless or have dementia or mental illness, he said. "Our concern is that in many instances, it may point to a trafficking issue," he said. Last year, about 850,000 people were investigated for possible food stamp fraud. About 2,000 stores were sanctioned for illegal conduct, and 1,200 stores were permanently removed from the food stamp program. Large supermarkets are seldom involved in illegal activity, Concannon said. The vast majority of fraud is found in smaller shops and convenience stores. The USDA is currently developing tougher sanctions and penalties for retailers engaging in food stamp fraud. It is also taking steps to make sure that people disqualified from the program for illegal activity are not able to use it again in other states.

May 29, 2012

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham is starting a two-day tour of South Carolina to warn leaders that he thinks proposed cuts to military spending will be bad for national security. Graham started the tour Tuesday in Greenville, where he toured the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics site with South Carolina Adjutant General Robert Livingston. Graham will then head to Beaufort to meet with leaders at Parris Island and at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort before heading to Charleston on Tuesday afternoon to talk to local military officials at Joint Base Charleston. The Republican lawmaker will end his tour Wednesday in Columbia, talking to officials at Fort Jackson and local business leaders.

June 11, 2012

It sounds like a silver lining. Even if the Supreme Court overturns President Barack Obama's health care law, employers can keep offering popular coverage for the young adult children of their workers. But here's the catch: The parents' taxes would go up. That's only one of the messy potential ripple effects when the Supreme Court delivers its verdict on the Affordable Care Act this month. The law affects most major components of the U.S. health care system in its effort to extend coverage to millions of uninsured people. Because the legislation is so complicated, an orderly unwinding would prove difficult if it were overturned entirely or in part. Better Medicare prescription benefits, currently saving hundreds of dollars for older people with high drug costs, would be suspended. Ditto for preventive care with no co-payments, now available to retirees and working families alike. Partially overturning the law could leave hospitals, insurers and other service providers on the hook for tax increases and spending cuts without the law's promise of more paying customers to offset losses. If the law is upheld,

other kinds of complications could result. The nation is so divided that states led by Republicans are largely unprepared to carry out critical requirements such as creating insurance markets. Things may not settle down. "At the end of the day, I don't think any of the major players in the health insurance industry or the provider community really wants to see the whole thing overturned," said Christine Ferguson, a health policy expert who was commissioner of public health in Massachusetts when Mitt Romney was governor. "Even though this is not the most ideal solution, at least it is moving us forward, and it does infuse some money into the system for coverage," said Ferguson, now at George Washington University. As the GOP presidential candidate, Romney has pledged to wipe Obama's law off the books. But he defends his Massachusetts law that served as a prototype for Obama's. While it's unclear how the justices will rule, oral arguments did not go well for the Obama administration. The central issue is whether the government can require individuals to have health insurance and fine them if they don't. That mandate takes effect in 2014, at the same time that the law would prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage to people with existing health problems. Most experts say the coverage guarantee would balloon costs unless virtually all people joined the insurance pool. Opponents say Congress overstepped its constitutional authority by issuing the insurance mandate. The administration says the requirement is permissible because it serves to regulate interstate commerce. Most people already are insured. The law provides subsidies to help uninsured middle-class households pay premiums and expands Medicaid to pick up more low-income people. The coverage for young adults up to age 26 on a parent's health insurance is a popular provision that no one's arguing about. A report last week from the Commonwealth Fund estimated that 6.6 million young adults have taken advantage of the benefit, while a new Gallup survey showed the uninsured rate for people age 18-25 continues to decline, down to 23 percent from 28 percent when the law took effect. Families will be watching to see if their 20-somethings transitioning to the work world will get to keep that newfound security. Because the benefit is a winner with consumers, experts say many employers and insurers would look for ways to keep offering it even if there's no legal requirement to do so. On Monday, UnitedHealth Group Inc., the nation's largest insurer, is announcing that it will continue to offer coverage to young adults even if the health care law is struck down. But economist Paul Fronstin of the Employee Benefit Research Institute says many parents would pay higher taxes as a result because they would have to pay for the young adult's coverage with after-tax dollars. Under the health care law, that coverage now comes out of pre-tax dollars. Fronstin says there's no way to tell exactly how much that tax increase might be, but a couple of hundred dollars a year or more is a reasonable ballpark estimate. Upper-income taxpayers would have a greater liability. "Adult children aren't necessarily dependents for tax purposes, but an employer can allow anyone to be on a plan, just like they now allow domestic partners," said Fronstin. "If your employer said, 'I'm going to let you keep this,' it would become a taxable benefit for certain people." Advocates for the elderly are also worried about untoward ripple effects. If the entire law is overturned, seniors with high prescription costs in Medicare's "donut hole" coverage gap could lose annual discounts averaging about \$600. AARP policy director David Certner says he would hope the discounts could remain in place at least through the end of this year. Yet that might not be possible. Lacking legal authority, Medicare would have to take away the discounts. Drugmakers, now bearing the cost, could decide they want to keep offering discounts voluntarily. But then they'd risk running afoul of other federal rules that bar medical providers from offering financial inducements to Medicare recipients. "I don't think anyone has any idea," said Certner. A mixed verdict from the high court would be the most confusing outcome. Some parts of the law would be struck down while others lurch ahead. That kind of result would seem to call for Congress to step in and smooth any necessary adjustments. Yet partisan divisions on Capitol Hill are so intense that hardly anyone sees a chance that would happen this year.

June 11, 2012

Five former candidates filed a federal lawsuit Monday against the South Carolina Election Commission after they were thrown off the ballots last week. Ann Smith, Tommie Reece, John Pettigrew, Bob Shirley and Robert Tinsley are the candidates named in the lawsuit filed in the United State District Court in Columbia. The suit requests their names and others in similar situations remain on the ballot or the June 12 primaries be canceled pending the resolution of the lawsuit. It claims recent rulings by the state Supreme Court were in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The suit states that the emergency, temporary injunction is the only means to fix the situation in order to protect the plaintiffs' constitutional and statutory rights. Smith, R., was running for the Anderson County Council District Six seat. Reece, R., who currently serves on the School Board of Greenville County, was running for Tate Senate District Six. Pettigrew was a Republican candidate for the newly drawn State Senate District 25, which includes Edgefield county where he is a resident. Shirley was a Democratic candidate for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 11. Tinsley, D., was running for Eighth Circuit Solicitor, which spans Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens and Newberry counties. Attorney Candy Kern-Fuller of Easley filed the lawsuit on behalf of

the plaintiffs. There is no word yet from the federal court if they will hear the case before Tuesday's primaries. The high court ruled last week that Florence County Republicans had disregarded an earlier ruling regarding paperwork submission and just certified all candidates, forcing county parties to reexamine their candidates' eligibilities. The court's ruling removed nearly 50 candidates statewide including more than 20 candidates in the Upstate. Nearly 200 candidates statewide were dropped from ballots last month after justices ruled that financial and candidacy paperwork must be turned in together. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest in this developing story.

June 19, 2012

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed a bill allowing the state's public health agency to provide information on and access to a free vaccine that prevents a sexually transmitted, cancer-causing virus. The bill calls for informational brochures on the vaccine for human papillomavirus, known as HPV, to be provided to parents of sixth-graders. Parents could choose to have their seventh-graders receive the vaccine. The bill specifies that the brochures and free vaccines depend on [funding](#). Haley argues the funding caveat means the bill does nothing. She also argues it's a suspended unfunded mandate. She said she doesn't want the government putting out information on a vaccine parents should discuss with their family doctors. Sponsoring Rep. Bakari Sellers said Haley's using political jargon to put politics ahead of women's health.

June 20, 2012

The South Carolina House has approved a measure to keep state government running in case legislators don't complete the budget before the fiscal year starts July 1. The House approved Wednesday a resolution that would continue to fund government at current levels until legislators can compromise on a 2012-13 budget. A compromise on the \$6.6 billion spending plan for state [taxes](#) rests on a tax break for small business owners. House leaders are demanding that the Senate agree to a \$60 million tax reduction for small [businesses](#). The Senate's budget proposal includes a \$15 million break. The budget conference committee has not met since Monday. Legislators must send Gov. Nikki Haley their state spending plan by Monday in order for a budget to take effect when the fiscal year starts.

June 25, 2012

Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning key provisions in Arizona's illegal immigration law opens the door for courts to strike down similar provisions in other states. However, supporters of immigration crackdowns say the ruling also gives states a critical role in enforcing federal law. They say it allows local authorities to check the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally. South Carolina state Sen. Larry Martin is a Republican who sponsored his state's legislation. He says the ruling does give some opportunity for states to interact more closely with the federal government. But he says that beyond that, state officials have their hands tied by federal law. Laws passed in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Indiana and Utah were modeled at least in part upon the one passed by Arizona in 2010.

June 27, 2012

The House has turned back an attempt by a tea party-backed GOP conservative to slash taxpayer subsidies for air service to isolated smaller cities and towns that can cost hundreds of dollars a ticket. The 238-164 vote late Tuesday killed a bid by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., to slash the Essential Air Service program, which subsidizes flights to 120 communities in 35 states in the continental U.S. and Puerto Rico and 43 towns in Alaska. The vote came as the House debated a \$107 billion transportation spending bill for the budget year beginning Oct. 1. Republicans controlling the House had voted to eliminate the oft-criticized program last year while they considered renewing federal aviation programs, but a coalition of Democrats and Republicans representing rural America reversed the move in the Senate. Despite modest changes to the program enacted earlier this year, its budget now would reach a new high - to \$214 million - under Tuesday's legislation. McClintock's amendment would have eliminated \$114 million in direct taxpayer subsidies; he was blocked under House rules from attacking \$100 million in subsidies automatically financed by "overflight" fees paid by aircraft that fly over the U.S. but don't

take off or land here. "This is about the easiest choice the House could possibly make, to put an end to the so-called Essential Air Service that lavishly subsidizes some of the least essential air services in the country," McClintock said. "Rural life has both great advantages and disadvantages, and it is not the job of hardworking taxpayers who choose to live elsewhere to level out the differences." The program awards contracts, usually worth between \$1 million and \$2 million a year, to subsidize airlines that serve airports such as Altoona, Pa., Paducah, Ky., and Cape Girardeau, Mo. Such subsidies can be quite modest, but can reach hundreds of dollars each way on a round-trip ticket from places like Ironwood in Michigan's Upper Peninsula or several towns in Montana. The changes enacted earlier require that subsidized routes must average at least 10 passengers a day if they are to be renewed when current contracts are up, and new communities are blocked from receiving the subsidies. Last year, Congress prohibited subsidies from exceeding \$1,000 a passenger. The savings from such steps will take a while to take hold but are likely to prove modest. Supporters of the subsidies say having access to air service is crucial to the economies of rural towns. "This program plays a key role in the economic development in many rural communities by ensuring that air service continues," said Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa. In fact, the wide reach of the program contributes to the sweeping support it gets, both from Democrats but also from conservative Republicans who suspend their anti-big-government rhetoric when their districts are affected.

Attachments



Jobs, Economy, Growth

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH**

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

National Guard
Coast Guard

April 3, 2012

A Georgia-based recruiting company is hosting a job fair in Liberty on Tuesday. MAU Workforce Solutions is hosting the job fair at the Liberty Center/One-Stop at 317 Summit Dr. from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The company is recruiting to fill immediate job openings, and fair attendees will be interviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The open positions include assemblers, CMM operators and screw machine supervisors for a wide variety of shift models and shift schedules. Interested candidates can also apply online at mau.com. All applicants will have to submit to a background check and drug screen.

April 12, 2012

Legislators are working on a bill to erase nonviolent felonies from the records of now-upstanding citizens in hopes of helping them secure high-paying jobs. Sen. Vincent Sheheen said Thursday the goal is to remove the criminal label that makes a successful career difficult for those who made a mistake and have since turned their lives around. The Camden Democrat says the state needs them to be working and paying taxes. Sheheen heard from representatives of law enforcement, crime victims and prosecutors to help his subcommittee tweak a bill the House approved unanimously last year. They want someone's record to be clear at least 10 years to qualify. Rep. Todd Rutherford, of Columbia, argued against a time frame, saying that people who secure a pardon should have their record expunged immediately.

May 11, 2012

JPMorgan Chase stock lost more than 8 percent of its value Friday after the bank, the largest in the United States, revealed a monster \$2 billion loss in a trading group that manages the risks the bank takes with its own money. More than three years after the financial crisis, the surprise disclosure quickly revived debate about whether banks can be trusted to handle risk on their own. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chair of a subcommittee that investigated the crisis, said the loss was "just the latest evidence that what banks call 'hedgies' are often risky bets that so-called 'too big to fail' banks have no business making." The

head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mary Schapiro, told reporters that the agency was focused on the JPMorgan loss but declined to comment further. Some analysts were skeptical that the trading was designed to protect against JPMorgan's own losses, as CEO Jamie Dimon contended Thursday in a conference call with stock analysts and reporters. The analysts said the bank appeared to have been betting for its own benefit, a practice known as "proprietary trading." Dimon said the type of trading that led to the \$2 billion loss would not be banned by the so-called Volcker rule, which is still being written and is expected to ban certain types of trading by banks with their own money. The Federal Reserve said last month that it would begin enforcing that rule in July 2014. Bank executives, including Dimon, have argued for weaker rules and broader exemptions. JPMorgan has been a strong critic of provisions that would have made this loss less likely, said Michael Greenberger, former enforcement director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which regulates some derivatives. "These instruments are not regularly and efficiently priced, and a company can wake up one day, as AIG did in 2008, and find out they're in a terrific hole. It can just blow up overnight," said Greenberger, a professor at the University of Maryland. On Friday, bank stocks were hammered in Britain and the United States, partly because of fear that the JPMorgan loss would lead to tougher regulation of financial institutions. JPMorgan stock was down 8.2 percent in early trading on Wall Street. It was down more than \$3, and by itself shaved 25 points off the Dow Jones industrial average, which was up about 30 points on the day. In Britain, shares of Barclays and Royal Bank of Scotland were down more than 2 percent. JPMorgan stock was the hardest hit, but its American counterparts suffered, too: Morgan Stanley was down 4 percent, and Goldman Sachs and Citigroup each lost more than 3 percent. Stock analysts said that bank stocks were hurt mostly because of regulatory fear, not because there was reason to believe other banks would discover similar losses. "The regulatory and political environment is already a headwind, and clearly this doesn't help," Deutsche Bank said in a note to clients. The trading loss was an embarrassment for JPMorgan, which came through the 2008 financial crisis in much better health than its peers. It kept clear of risky investments that hurt many other banks. The loss came over the past six weeks in a portfolio of the complex financial instruments known as derivatives, and in a division JPMorgan says was supposed to control its exposure to risk in the financial markets. "The portfolio has proved to be riskier, more volatile and less effective as an economic hedge than we thought," Dimon told reporters on Thursday. "There were many errors, sloppiness and bad judgment." Bloomberg News reported in April that a single JPMorgan trader in London, known in the bond market as "the London whale," was making such large trades that he was moving prices in the \$10 trillion market. Dimon said the losses were "somewhat related" to that story, but seemed to suggest that the problem was broader. Dimon also said the company had "acted too defensively," and should have looked into the division more closely. The Wall Street Journal reported last month that JPMorgan had invested heavily in an index of credit-default swaps, insurance-like products that protect against default by bond issuers. Hedge funds were betting that the index would lose value, forcing JPMorgan to sell investments at a loss. The losses came in part because financial markets have been far more volatile since the end of March. Partly because of the \$2 billion trading loss, JPMorgan said it expects a loss of \$800 million this quarter for a segment of its business known as corporate and private equity. It had planned on a profit for the segment of \$200 million.

The loss is expected to hurt JPMorgan's overall earnings for the second quarter, which ends June 30. "We will admit it, we will learn from it, we will fix it, and we will move on," he said. Dimon spoke in a hastily scheduled conference call with stock analysts. Reporters were allowed to listen. JPMorgan is trying to unload the portfolio in question in a "responsible" manner, Dimon said, to minimize the cost to its shareholders. Analysts said more losses were possible depending on market conditions.

May 18, 2012

The numbers for April are in and it appears the jobless rate has fallen again for the Carolinas. [South Carolina's](#) unemployment rate has dropped for a ninth straight month. The Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday the state's jobless rate was 8.8 percent in April, down from 8.9 percent the month before. The state added 13,500 jobs last month, with most coming in the leisure and hospitality industries. The only sector to see a decrease in jobs was government. South Carolina's unemployment rate peaked in January 2010 at 12.5 percent, and the 8.8 percent rate in April was the lowest in more than three years. The jobless rate in the state was 9.8 percent in April 2011. Marion County maintained the state's highest unemployment rate at 16.8 percent, while Greenville County had the lowest rate at 7 percent. [North Carolina's](#) unemployment rate has fallen to 9.4 percent, continuing a slow decline that began almost a year ago. The state Division of Labor and Economic Analysis on Friday released the unemployment figures for April, showing the rate fell from 9.7 percent a month earlier and 10.4 percent from April 2011. The figures show the number of unemployed people in the state decreased by more than 12,000 to almost 440,000 people. The number of employed people increased slightly by more than 1,400 over

the month and by more than 63,000 over the year. North Carolina's unemployment continues to be higher than the national rate, which fell slightly to 8.1 percent in April.

June 20, 2012

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June 22, 2012

Shares of Walgreen Co. rallied higher Friday, two days after the stock hit a 20-month low following the drugstore chain's announcement that it will buy a stake in European health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots. **THE SPARK:** Walgreen, based in Deerfield, Ill., said Tuesday it will pay \$6.7 billion in cash and stock to buy a stake in Alliance Boots, which runs the largest drugstore chain in the United Kingdom and has more than 3,300 health and beauty retail stores in 11 countries. Walgreen's initial purchase amounts to a 45 percent stake. It has an option to buy the rest of the privately held company in about three years for roughly \$9.5 billion based on Walgreen's share price and the current exchange rate. The deal gives Walgreen, the largest U.S. drugstore chain, a presence in Europe and emerging markets like China. **THE BIG PICTURE:** Walgreen shares sank after the announcement. Some analysts see the deal as a big risk for a company working through a sales slump in its home market. Walgreen sales have fallen for several months since it stopped filling prescriptions for Express Scripts Holding Co., the largest U.S. pharmacy benefits manager, at the end of last year. Investors are worried about the company entering a continent saddled with debt worries in several countries. Another analyst also noted that Walgreen has limited experience in integrating deals of this size. Walgreen operates 7,890 drugstores in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. It also runs worksite health centers and specialty pharmacies. **THE ANALYSIS:** Some analysts also see a brighter side to the acquisition. Susquehanna analyst Bob Summers said in a research note the market reaction to the deal left him perplexed. He thinks the potential earnings power behind it has been overlooked. Summers said Swiss-based Alliance Boots appears under-exposed to Europe's most challenged economies, and the expansion is a better alternative than increasing market share in the United States, where Walgreen might face antitrust concerns. "In short, the strategic rationale is not too difficult to comprehend and, it appears to us, market participants are making the discussion more complicated than necessary," he wrote. UBS analyst Jason DeRise said in a separate note the deal gives the companies better purchasing power for generic medicines and a platform for future partnerships, among other advantages. **SHARE ACTION:** Up 2.9 percent, or 84 cents, to \$29.99 in Friday afternoon trading, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose less than 1 percent. The stock tumbled 11 percent after closing at \$31.96 on Monday. It then rallied after hitting \$28.53 on Wednesday, its lowest price since September 2010. Despite the recent rally, Walgreen's stock price is still far below the nearly \$45 per share it fetched a year ago, before the drugstore chain said it would part ways with Express Scripts.

June 25, 2012

Upstate drivers are seeing continued relief from gas [prices](#) compared to drivers across the nation and summer prices in 2011. The average cost per gallon for gas in Greenville was \$2.91 on Sunday while the national average was \$3.45, according to GasBuddy.com. The [price](#) per gallon fell 7.7 cents in the past week in Greenville, almost 30 cents lower than last month and are 33.2 cents per gallon cheaper than the same day last year. "The national average has now dropped to its lowest level since Feb. 4," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. DeHaan said gasoline can be found as cheap as \$2.73 per gallon Monday in Taylors. A majority of gas stations are featuring prices that have come down significantly in the last month, DeHaan said.

June 26, 2012

Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn highlighted the quick recovery of the automaker from a year of disasters as shareholders questioned low dividends and a lagging stock price. He said his pay of 987 million yen (\$12 million), up 0.5 percent from the previous year, was reasonable compared to a global standard of \$17.5 million for auto industry CEOs. No shareholder raised questions on his pay, which easily won shareholder approval at the annual meeting Tuesday. Nissan Motor Co., which makes the Altima sedan, Infiniti luxury model and Leaf electric car, is allied with Renault SA of France, and has more foreign executives than other Japanese automakers. Ghosn's pay draws attention as it is the highest among chief executives at major Japanese companies.

June 27, 2012

The price of oil is climbing on upbeat reports about the U.S. economy. Benchmark crude rose 52 cents Wednesday to \$79.88 per barrel in New York. Brent crude gained 43 cents to \$93.45 per barrel in London. The government says businesses placed more orders for long-lasting manufactured goods in May. And a trade group says Americans signed more contracts to buy previously occupied homes in May. The reports are welcome news after recent signs of weaker economic growth. They also raise hopes that demand will pick up for oil and other energy products. Traders also are awaiting the outcome of a meeting of European leaders to discuss the debt crisis. Meanwhile, the national average for retail gasoline fell 1.4 cents overnight to \$3.383 per gallon.

June 27, 2012

Commodities trader Glencore International and takeover target Xstrata said Wednesday they have agreed on revised terms for paying retention bonuses for Xstrata executives, an issue which had stirred some shareholder opposition to the deal. But the merger continues to face difficulties on other fronts, with Qatar Holding, which owns 10 percent of Xstrata, seeking a higher bid price. Xstrata announced that retention bonuses would start being paid only if cost synergies exceed the previous estimate of \$50 million a year. Glencore said it accepted the amended terms. When the deal was announced in February, two big fund managers - Standard Life Investments and Schroder Investment Management - also said Glencore's offer undervalued Xstrata. Wednesday's revision of the terms for Xstrata executives comes barely two weeks ahead of shareholders' votes on the deal. Glencore shares were down 1.8 percent at 297.4 pence following the announcement, while Xstrata's share price was up 0.9 percent at 793 pence. Some shareholders had objected to the retention provisions in the deal, which would have handed out a total of 173 million pounds to 73 senior employees as an incentive to stay in their jobs. In particular, concerns have been raised over a three-year, \$45 million deal for Xstrata's chief executive Mick Davis, who is in line to become chief executive of the merged company. The Association of British Insurers, representing a range of investors, had spoken against the original retention provisions. Under the revised terms, the retention bonuses will start being paid if cost synergies are over \$50 million a year. The bonuses will be fully paid if an additional \$300 million is achieved over the first two years. Xstrata's chairman, Sir John Bond, said the revised terms were "a stretching performance measure which, if achieved, will exceed the cost of the retention awards and improve the ongoing cost competitiveness and value of the combined group." Glencore, which has scheduled a general meeting of shareholders for July 11, already holds a 34 percent stake in the mining company. Xstrata shareholders are to vote on July 12. But the deal's completion faces a new challenge in Xstrata shareholder Qatari Holding, which wants 3.25 new Glencore shares for each Xstrata share, significantly more than the 2.8 shares currently on offer. Qatar Holding said the higher price "would provide a more appropriate distribution of benefits of the merger whilst properly recognizing the intrinsic stand-alone value of Xstrata." Qatar Holding, like most Gulf sovereign investors, is not known for shareholder activism. But its decision to rapidly amass a stake in Xstrata in the past months suggested it wanted a bigger voice in the combined company, if not the merger process itself. Many of its most prominent investments are in Europe. They include London's Harrods department store and stakes in Barclays PLC, Credit Suisse Group, Volkswagen AG, London Stock Exchange Group and French luxury conglomerate LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton. Qatar Holding has increasingly shown an interest in investing in natural resource businesses. Besides the Xstrata holding, it has been

building stakes in European energy companies such as French oil company Total SA, and last year invested in gold miner European Goldfields.

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Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2012**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	12:30am	WESTGATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs Saturdays at 12:30am. (30:00)		
Sundays	6:00am	MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service airing Sunday mornings. (1-hour)		
Sundays,	7:30am	GREG LENTZ MINISTRIES
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)		
Sundays	8:30am	MUD CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)		
Sundays	10:30am	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
<u>Description:</u> A church service that airs every Sunday morning and Saturday night. (30:00)		

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AIRED:

Adoption
Pet Adoption
Foundation for a Better Life
Make A Wish
March of Dimes

May 11, 2012

Artisphere is back and bigger than ever. Downtown Greenville will be flooded with some of the region's best and brightest artists who will showcase thousands of pieces of artwork. Each year, thousands of people head to Main Street to see and even purchase some of the work from the country's best painters, photographers and sculptures. The eighth annual Artisphere begins Friday and ends on Sunday, and there is no cost for admission. According to Kelly Murphy, who works with the Greenville Arts Program, there will be many new artists who have never been to Artisphere before, including live demonstrations on Main Street, so you can watch artwork being made in person. There will also be a silent auction that will not only be available to be bid on by people who come downtown for Artisphere, but will also be available for bidding online too.

May 24, 2012

Look out Greenville, Scotland is taking over this weekend for the seventh annual Scottish Games. Starting on Thursday night, the Greenville Scottish Games and the Gallabrae Celebration invade Downtown Alive on Main Street in front of the Hyatt with the 2nd Marine Division Band and their Jazz Group opening the night at 5:30. The action continues as Scottish bands will play downtown for Main Street Friday as Coyote Run and Albannach will hit the state at 5:30 p.m. Saturday the games begin at Furman University as hundreds of the best athletes from around the world take part in feats of strength while taking part in traditional games from Scotland. These competitors will heave heavy stones and wooden poles weighing more than 100 pounds as far as they can. Some are expected to shatter world records.

May 29, 2012

Because a straightforward, "down on one knee" proposal doesn't give a girl enough of a story, an Oregon actor gave his new fiancée a viral "Will you marry me?" for the internet ages. It started simply enough as a request for Amy Frankel to listen to a song in the back of an open Honda CRV. As the car began to slowly take off, Bruno Mars' "Marry Me" blasted through the headphones she wore. What unfolded as the music played was an elaborate flash mob/live action lip-dub staged by boyfriend Isaac Lamb. More than 60 of Lamb's friends and family took to the street to dance the choreographed proposal in real time. At the end of the four-plus minute song, Lamb parted the crowd, walked up to Frankel and got down on one knee. "You have already given me a lifetime of happiness. Will you let me spend the rest of my life trying to give you the same?" he asked. What else could you expect from someone who makes his living in the dramatic arts? "When I decided to ask Amy to marry me, I wanted something she wouldn't forget," Lamb told The Oregonian newspaper. Guys, take note. She said yes. Lamb said he didn't have any doubts. "This whole production was a good insurance policy," he said. The video has been viewed (and probably cried over, applauded and cheered) by more than 4.3 million people on YouTube in the three days it's been posted. Though, apparently at least a few guys are feeling the pressure. "If anyone shows this to my girlfriend, I will kill you," one YouTube commenter posted. Now, the question remains - with such an elaborate proposal, what will the wedding be like? "How am I going to top that?" Frankel asked.

May 31, 2012

Two Union families are celebrating their recent luck after winning \$10,000 and \$100,000 in scratch-off games respectively. A stay-at-home mom in Union won \$10,000 after buying a \$1 scratch-off lottery ticket at the Li'l Cricket on W. Main Street. South Carolina [Education](#) Lottery officials said woman's 10-year-old son realized she had bought a winning ticket and now their friends and family are hoping to have similar luck in the Junior Jumbo Buck game. She scratched the card in the store's parking lot and now her son is hoping to be rewarded with a cell phone, but mom is paying bills first and taking the family on a vacation, the winner told officials. Seven top prizes of \$10,000 remain in the \$1 Junior Jumbo Bucks game. The odds of winning \$10,000 are 1 in 750,000. A Union man is also celebrating after he won \$100,000 in the [Money](#) Maker scratch-off game. He bought the winning ticket at the Kangaroo Express on S. Pine Street in Spartanburg. He beat the 1 in 480,000 odds

on the \$5 Money Maker ticket, leaving two top prizes of \$100,000 remaining in the game. The Kangaroo store received a \$1,000 commission while the Li'l Cricket received \$100 when the tickets were claimed.

June 11, 2012

It is one of the most intense of exercises under extremely hot conditions, but Southern Om, a local yoga studio, is more popular than ever as it celebrates its two-year anniversary. Om is located right next to Whole Foods on Woodruff Road and since it first opened, the studio says they have opened the eyes to many in the upstate about the health benefits of the thousands of yoga poses. Southern Om is especially unique because their classes take place in hot temperatures, with their Southern 26 course conducted in 105 degree heat. Pace Beattie owns the studio and says the hot, hot heat has great benefits, "the difficult poses and high temperatures allow your body to flush out all of the toxins you collect each day, and you feel amazing once you finish." Beattie has a staff of several instructors who each have their own style, and they say Yoga has helped treat people with all sorts of injuries or help aid with arthritis too.

June 11, 2012

At the Tony Awards, while "Once" was being crowned best musical, there was another sort of anointing going on - five first-time Tony winners, all under 40, were being hailed as Broadway's next class. Steve Kazee, Christian Borle, James Corden, Christopher Gattelli and Nina Arianda each walked away from the Beacon Theatre with a statuette Sunday and vindication for years of toil. The handing over of the torch was perfectly summed up when two-time nominee Arianda, who had just won the best actress in a play Tony, gushed like a schoolgirl at the legend who handed her her trophy. "You were my first crush," she told 82-year-old Christopher Plummer. "When that whistle was blown in 'Sound of Music,' you made my day." To be sure, the night also belonged to some wily veterans, such as Mike Nichols, won his ninth Tony for directing "Death of a Salesman," and composer Alan Menken, who has eight Oscars and now his first Tony for penning the music for "Newsies." And the always-astonishing Audra McDonald snapped up her fifth award at the age of just 41. But Tony night was also about a fresh crop of veterans who may not be well known to Americans outside Times Square, but who have been reliably first-rate performers over the past years. Now they've arrived. Kazee, a 36-year-old rising star with matinee idol looks, won for being the gentle Irish hero in "Once." He has been building his credits from replacement parts in "Spamalot" to an understudy role in "Seascape" to starring in "110 in the Shade" in 2007. In one of the more touching acceptance speeches of the night, he quoted British poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy, "We are the music makers and we are the dreamers of dreams," and then thanked the cast for helping him cope with the death of his mother. Gattelli, a former dancer, has been working non-stop since he became a choreographer, and had not one but two Broadway shows this season - "Newsies" and "Godspell." At 39, he has already choreographed such shows as "South Pacific," "13" and "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown." Borle, too, has paid his dues. He's gone from playing happy chimney sweep Bert in "Mary Poppins" to Prior Walter, a young man dying of AIDS in a recent off-Broadway revival of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America." He was in "Footloose" and "Thoroughly Modern Millie," and then bigger roles in "Spamalot" and "Legally Blonde," for which he got a Tony nod. He's also a star of NBC's "Smash" series about the making of a Broadway show. Tony voters seemed to think that this was his time, especially after he stole the show in "Peter and the Starcatcher" as Black Stash, the pirate who will become Captain Hook in the play about Peter Pan's origins. "Thank you for making this so much fun, I feel very lucky that my sister Caroline and my mother are here tonight," Borle said. "Thank you for making my mom very, very happy for this great honor and this perfect moment in time." Producers of the telecast may not be having as good a day-after as the young winners: The Tonys were seen by 6 million viewers, down significantly from last year's 6.9 million, according to preliminary Nielsen figures released Monday. Corden, in perhaps the biggest upset of the night, took home the best actor in a play award for his comic turn in "One Man, Two Guvnors," the same statuette that many believed Philip Seymour Hoffman was going to win as Willy Loman in a revival of "Death of a Salesman." The 33-year-old Corden was last on Broadway in "The History Boys." Since then, he co-wrote the hit comedy series "Gavin & Stacey" for BBC and wrote the memoir "May I Have Your Attention, Please?" He was the youngest in the best actor category, which was filled with Broadway establishment leading men. The British actor was gracious in victory, honoring his competitors: "I have to say, John Lithgow, James Earl Jones, Frank Langella, and my favorite actor in the world, Philip Seymour Hoffman, to be on a list with you is enough," he said. But perhaps the night's most impressive graduation was

Arianda's. She beat out her insanely talented elders - Tracie Bennett, Stockard Channing, Linda Lavin and Cynthia Nixon - to win the best actress in a play award. The 27-year-old star of the kinky "Venus in Fur" had been a large reason David Ives' play had transferred from off-Broadway in 2010 to a Broadway theater this season. In the meantime, she had wowed critics playing a far-from-ditzy blonde in "Born Yesterday." During her euphoric acceptance speech, the music swelled to try to coax her offstage. But she resisted. "I might not do this again, hold on," she implored. Chances are she will indeed. In fact, all five seem likely to be there again.

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Six weeks ago, FOX Carolina's Greg Funderburg told you he had gained 40 pounds of the initial 70 pounds he lost in 2010 as part of Get Moving Monday's on FOX Carolina. He said to lose the weight he had to re-teach himself the correct foods to eat and of course drink lots of water. Get Moving Mondays FOX Carolina's Greg Funderburg shares diet, fitness and health tips with the Get Moving Monday summer series. Week 1: Greg's renewed summer weight loss plan Week 2: Get your kitchen prepared for weight loss Week 3: Have you tried group fitness? Week 4: Upstate woman loses more than 50lbs Funderburg admitted it was hard. He said work, dedication and his Ultra Fit Personal Trainer Brandon Daniels are what helped him lose 20 pounds over the past six weeks. This week, he weighed in at 230 pounds and has 45 pounds left to reach his goal of 185 pounds. He hopes something he has said or done over the past six weeks inspired you to take your health serious. As a part of his summer weight loss challenge, Funderburg met with other across the Upstate who have achieved personal health and fitness goals. From preparing your kitchen for weight loss to joining others in a group-fitness class, Funderburg shared tips and inspiring stories to motivate other to achieve their own personal health goals.

June 27, 2012

Two great-grandmothers in their 80s have parachuted from a plane to raise money for a veterans' food pantry in northwest Ohio. The Lima (LY'-muh) News (<http://bit.ly/NwU102>) reports 83-year-old Marjorie Bryan and 82-year-old Marianna Sherman parachuted Saturday at the Allen County Airport in Lima. They made tandem jumps with retired Sgt. 1st Class Michael Elliott, who has done tandem jumps with former President George H.W. Bush. The women parachuted to raise money for the local chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America and its veterans' food pantry. Blue Star members are mothers whose children have served in the military. Bryan is from Lima. Sherman is from Kenton. Bryan likes parachuting so much she wants to accompany Bush if he jumps for his 90th birthday. She would be 85.